



Piloting Hyku

The Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium, Inc. (PALCI) and the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana have joined forces to explore, develop, and pilot an open source, multi-tenant, consortial institutional repository using Hyku. We aim to create a service individual libraries may use, customize, and brand as their own, while building the capacity required to share infrastructure, hosting, and administration. Both consortia are currently in a pilot phase.



PALCI



Production?

- 7 participants
- Mix of use cases
- Public and private libraries
- Production access is an additional fee
- Pilot is a trial for evaluation



PALNI

Collaborative, Strategic, Innovative



Production

- 12 participants
- Private libraries
- Primarily IR use cases
- Access is part of membership
- Pilot is a mix of trial evaluation and production implementation

Timeline

Questions

What barriers prevent Hyku adoption?

Which staff resources are needed for support?

What are the costs for hosting and maintenance?

How does each library determine success?

Insights

- Some PALCI libraries are in the nascent stages without existing collections, some have current implementations of DSpace, Digital Commons, JSTOR Forum
- PALCI libraries are worried about metadata and user interface flexibility
- Hyku's "admin set" feature remains very difficult to explain and use for PALCI members

- PALNI libraries have been looking for an IR solution for 5+ years and engage in deep collaboration
- PALNI libraries are more worried about customizing admin interfaces for easier management
- The need for bulk import/export tools is paramount

Outcomes



Beginning of the HykuCommons repository platform service



Business model for shared collaborative multi-tenant implementation



Use cases for "Barriers to Hyku" follow-up project (TBD)