



LIRN Quick Reference

What is LIRN?

The Library and Information Resources Network, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation formed in 1996, is a consortium of educational institutions that have joined together to share access to information resources.

What does LIRN do?

LIRN provides group purchasing and centralized management of electronic information resources for its members, and operates a validation gateway to vendor services. The LIRN virtual library provides students with millions of resources to support their academic studies.

Where is LIRN?

LIRN is a multi-location, virtual organization. The business office is located in Largo, Florida, the gateway servers are housed in a commercial data center in Tampa, Florida, and the officers, trustees, and technical staff are at various locations around the U.S. Phone numbers and addresses are available from the web site: <http://www.lirn.net/board.shtml>

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How does LIRN communicate?

LIRN conducts its business primarily via electronic means: email, the web, and monthly board teleconferences. Members and friends are encouraged to dial in and join the teleconferences, which are normally held 10-11 a.m. ET on the last Thursday of the month. The dial in number is 1-888-693-8686 and the conference ID is 5433117 unless otherwise announced. There is an annual business meeting in the spring. Meeting announcements, agendas, and directions are posted on the web site: <http://www.lirn.net/>. There are also outgoing only mailing lists for announcements to LIRN member librarian, technical, and administrative contacts.

Who are the LIRN members?

As of January 2006, there are 84 LIRN member institutions at 263 locations, primarily independent colleges and universities, which range in size from less than 100 students to multi-campus institutions with thousands of students. LIRN members are featured on the web site:

<http://www.lirn.net/members.shtml>

What does LIRN membership cost?

There is an annual membership fee of \$750 and a per student fee to subscribe to LIRN services. For academic year 2005-2006, subscription fees are \$6 or \$8 per student depending on the chosen database bundle.

What services will we get with a subscription?

LIRN currently provides information resources from the following vendors:

Gale/InfoTrac: Business and Company Resource Center with PROMT and Newsletters, Computer Database, Custom Newspapers (contains full text articles from 128 newspapers), Expanded Academic ASAP, Gale Virtual Reference Library, General Business File ASAP, Health and Wellness Resource Center and Alternative Health Module, Health Reference Center Academic, InfoTrac LegalTrac , InfoTrac OneFile, Literature Resource Center, Newsletters ASAP, Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center, and the Student Resource Center-Gold.

ProQuest: ABI/INFORM Dateline, ABI/INFORM Global, ABI/INFORM Trade & Industry, National Newspaper Abstracts, ProQuest Psychology Journals, and ProQuest Research Library (with 15 subject modules).

eLibrary: Selected periodicals, reference books, maps, pictures, newspapers from around the world, and transcripts of news and public affairs broadcasts.

Bowker: Books in Print

Members also get access to any new core services or free vendor trials which we arrange during the year.

Training:

LIRN is in the process of collecting and creating training materials for our members' use. In addition, vendors will conduct training sessions throughout the academic year. LIRN will document participation in these training sessions for professional development purposes.

How does my institution join LIRN?

For information on becoming a LIRN member, contact either:

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For general information: (727) 536-0214 or info@lirn.net

What is the URL of the LIRN gateway server?

<http://www.lirn.net>

How do I get LIRN technical support?

To report a problem, set up an account, or ask questions about LIRN electronic services, send a message to lirn_support@email.com. You may also contact the LIRN Technical Director at tom@lirn.net or (386) 490-6729.