

30+ years of library collaboration, strategy, and innovation.

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Supported institutions

Including private colleges, universities, and seminaries throughout Indiana — all of which contribute **library leadership** and **critical staff expertise**.

PALNI libraries serve **40,074** students across the state

Through shared technology, services, and staff, PALNI institutions achieve greater scale, efficiency, and outcomes in **student success** than any single library could accomplish alone.

*According to recent Integrated Postsecondary Education Database System data (<https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds>).

82%

Saved on average for core library services

through PALNI collaboration, making it significantly more affordable than any institution could achieve independently.*



Cost saving strategies

- 15+ years of relatively flat fees
- Adopting open systems
- External partnerships
- Vendor negotiations
- Grant support



Sustaining investment, growing value, increasing impact.



Courtesy of Butler University

*PALNI libraries **co-invest** in these services to increase access and reduce costs for all*

- OCLC Integrated ILS (\$52,410 average list price)
- Digital Repository Solutions (\$40,000 average cost)
- Oxford Titles Frontlist Purchase (\$80,868 list price)
- JSTOR E-book Collection (\$36,250 — \$13.1 million value)
- PALShare Items Borrowed Value (\$17,316 average value)
- InfoExpress Subsidy (\$1,870 cost)

Since 2008, PALNI has kept fees relatively flat despite significant inflation, even as purchasing power has declined. Through **innovation, deep collaboration, external funding, and strategic investment in open systems**, we've expanded services and strengthened libraries while minimizing financial strain on our supported institutions.



Open, flexible, future-ready systems

PALNI libraries are moving to a **flexible, community-driven system** that ensures long-term sustainability, reduces vendor costs, and improves student and faculty access—freeing libraries to invest more in services and support for evolving academic needs.



Cost-saving solutions through partnerships

By partnering with external organizations, PALNI helps libraries amplify their reach, share expertise, and **deliver initiatives more effectively**—boosting quality, cutting costs, and maximizing impact for students and institutions alike.



\$3.8 million

saved through PALSave

PALNI's Lilly Endowment-supported affordable learning program, which received **\$1.34M** in new funding this year. Other highlights: **61,000** students impacted; **442** courses transformed; **100%** of PALNI schools involved; **\$60.79** (avg.) saved/student.

*For more information about PALNI finances or fee structures, contact Executive Director Kirsten Leonard at kleonard@palni.edu.



“PALNI’s greatest strength is its people. Library staff bring expertise, creativity, and a **deep commitment to student success** that drives everything we do. Through collaboration and shared purpose, they are helping our institutions navigate rapid change, expand access to resources, and deliver meaningful impact for students and faculty across Indiana.”
— *Kirsten Leonard, PALNI Executive Director*

The following are examples of our collective impact—library and consortia staff partnering to strengthen student success.



Expert staff addressing **operational pressures**

Library staff are the driving force, collaborating to share expertise, innovate services, and streamline efforts. This collaborative model depends on **sustained investment in library staff** and collections from all supported institutions.



15+ groups and support teams with **focused expertise**

in instructional technology, outreach, publishing and more. These groups innovate to ensure PALNI institutions stay at the forefront of new technologies and services — from **AI, to open education, to collections, and beyond.**



Leveraging strengths and **building skills**

Library and consortial staff were recognized for outstanding service and exceptional leadership in 2025. The people of PALNI advanced initiatives in **open systems, affordable education, external partnerships, and more.**



91,000 students served via Hyku for Consortia

digital repository service offered in partnership with PALCI. Other highlights: **2 years** in full production; **40+** active tenants across **4 consortia**; **70,000** items hosted in the live repository; **\$668,822** total IMLS grant funding.



6 student and collection **focused attributes**

associated with academic libraries at schools with **high retention rates**.* PALNI consultants engage in research to ensure programs are optimized for student success and retention.



Worldwide access to **openly published content**

through the **PALNI Open Press**, a suite of open-source and open-access publishing platforms to share scholarly, creative, and educational content from PALNI-supported institutions.



Up to **\$20,000**

awarded for innovation

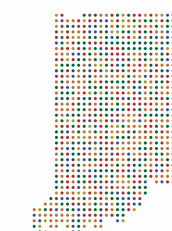
In 2025, PALNI awarded an **\$8,000** Library Innovation Grant to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College for “Opening the Woods Core,” and a **\$5,750** Innovation Grant to Hanover College for “Empower Students by Empowering Faculty.”



Services that scale

by finding shared solutions

PALNI schools work together to create and improve upon **innovative solutions** to meet shared needs. Service areas include assessment, consulting, professional development, resource management and more.



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