LIAS – Penn State University's Library Information Access System

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Description

LIAS is the Library Information Access System of the Pennsylvania State University Libraries. It includes the online catalog and access to other databases/services. The catalog contains approximately 1.5 million unique titles, representing not only the holdings at the main campus at University Park, but also the holdings of Penn State Harrisburg; Penn State Erie, the Behrend College; Great Valley; and the seventeen Commonwealth campuses. In addition to monograph and serial records, LIAS provides bibliographic access to the the maps collection, musical scores, sound recordings, archive and manuscript collections, parts of the government documents and microforms collections, and the machine-readable data files available on campus. LIAS also provides access to the collections of Audio-Visual Services, the Paul Robeson Cultural Center, and the National Cable Television Center and Museum. Databases include ERIC and electronic journals. Some databases are restricted to Penn State faculty, staff, and students.

Network Access

Telnet, preferably using VT100 emulation, to lias.psu.edu. When the telnet session is established, the user will receive a message similar to:

Welcome to the Pennsylvania State University
Library Information Access System.

You can negotiate VT100 emulation at this point. If you have emulation problems, try typing terminal VT100 at the ">>>" prompt.

Now begin searching the LIAS database. LIAS does not differentiate between author, title, and subjects in its command structure. Simply enter the words you wish to search.

To see a list of databases that are available, type *SELECT* and press return.

The user can type *HELP LIAS* for information. For a list of LIAS commands, type *HELP COMMANDS.* The extensive help command structure can answer most questions about the system.

To exit the system and close your connection, type *END* or *EXIT*.

Who Can Use the Catalog

The Penn State Library Information Access System is available to all members of the Internet community. Some of the databases available through this service may be restricted to use by Penn State faculty, staff, and students.