What is PASCAL?

PASCAL is the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries, a consortium of 56 colleges & universities working to ensure that students and faculty in South Carolina have access to high quality academic resources.
PASCAL:

• 21 two-year institutions, 32 four-year & research institutions, 3 professional schools (public & independent)

• Serves over 285,000 students, faculty & staff statewide

• Governed by Board of Directors (Library Deans)

• CHE is Fiscal Agent
PASCAL Core – Robust Virtual Library

PASCAL Delivers
Universal Borrowing

E-Resources
Core Academic Databases

E-Books
Over 250,000 Titles
Core Program Financial Overview

Core Program Costs for FY17-18

Recurring State Funds: $164,289
Member Library Fees: $1,300,000

One-Time Lottery Funds\(^1\): $400,000

\(^1\)Annualized cost of 3-year subscriptions (ebooks)
Cooperation among PASCAL libraries drives efficiencies and provides the greatest opportunity to improve library services for the SC higher education community.
Long-term Value

E-Resources
Since the E-Resources program began in 2004, PASCAL has provided over $84 million in cost avoidance for member libraries.

Consortial Borrowing
Since 2008, more than 300,000 items have been shared through PASCAL Delivers. Member libraries would have spent $19.6 million to purchase these items.

“In these tight economic times, efficient collaborative ventures like PASCAL might be seen as safety nets, ensuring that fundamental educational needs are met with maximum cost effectiveness. Longer term, a program like PASCAL can set the stage for more intensive collaboration across institutions that will promote efficiency, excellence and equity of access.”

1“Leveraging Higher Education for a Stronger South Carolina,” 2009 report of the Higher Education Study Committee
Consider this:

- The Total Academic Library budget for South Carolina is around $94.8 million/year.
- USC Columbia, Clemson, the College of Charleston, MUSC, Furman, and Coastal Carolina account for 63%
- The remaining 37% is distributed across the other fifty schools.
- However, those 50 schools account for 83% of the state’s FTE.
Case Study - PASCAL raises all boats...

FY2015-16
- 2015 Materials Budget: $9,215,394
- PASCAL Fees: $76,768
- Core value: $639,996
- Cost Avoidance: $572,527

FY2015-16
- 2015 Materials Budget: $921,028
- PASCAL Fees: $25,320
- Core Value: $251,611
- Cost Avoidance: $230,290
Other Programs & Initiatives

“Opt-In” Programming –
  • Electronic Resources
  • Integrated Library system Management
    • (12 libraries)
Initiatives
  • Collaborative Collection Management
  • Shared Library System Platform
    • (“Next Generation System” – 56 libraries)
Strategic Agenda Adopted
JUNE 2016

At our June 2016 General Membership Meeting, PASCAL members approved a new strategic agenda.

The agenda focuses on collaboration, collection management and the coordination of technology to enhance, preserve and provide universal access to print and electronic information resources and ensure state of the art library services for South Carolina students and faculty.
PASCAL Shared LSP Initiative

• PASCAL is preparing to issue a Request for Proposal for a shared Library Services Platform (LSP) for all member libraries. The shared platform will support key elements of PASCAL’s strategic agenda.

• The overarching goals are to expand collaborative efforts among libraries while streamlining operations and eliminating redundancies associated with legacy systems that were designed primarily for management of print collections.
A Unique Opportunity

- Intermittent lottery funding presents challenges but through vision and careful planning we have reserved funds for a substantial investment in technology infrastructure.

- Three good years in a row = our ebook program and sufficient funds to purchase a shared system platform (@ $3 million)

- FY 2017-18 veto underscores risks
  (Stable recurring funding would allow us to better manage our core programs.)
SLSP Up-Front Costs

Costs for Integrated LSP & Discovery as presented in the Request for Information (June 2016)
SLSP Estimated Ongoing Costs

Current Member Costs vs. Vendor Estimates Received

- Current
- System B
- System A
- System D
- System C
- System E

Legend:
- INNReach
- Discovery
- ILS
- ILS/Discovery
Three Takeaways:

Basic Core – multiplier enhances access
- $1.00 buys $10.00 in core content
- Core content is vital to all sectors
- Everyone saves

Shared Library System Platform -
- Everyone is “state-of-the-art”
- Ongoing system cost reductions of 25% – 45% overall
- Supports collaboration – (both savings & access)
- Paves the way for new opportunities

A great – affordable – shared collection is the vision.
Support for PASCAL

SC COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION - FY 2017-18 BUDGET PRIORITIES

STATE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY, PASCAL $1,500,000 Recurring (Annualization)

PASCAL, Partnership Among SC Academic Libraries (www.pascalsc.org), is a government best practice, providing cooperative sharing at greatly reduced rates of physical and electronic resources among the state’s public and private academic institutions. The state began investing in PASCAL in FY05 at $2M annually, but funding has been provided in recent years primarily from lottery funds that have not been predictable or fully available. On-going support of $1.5M is requested.

Recurring funding at a sustainable level would benefit all institutions.
Thank You!

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