Discover the Lean Library difference

Maximizing the value of your resources is a top priority, but getting patrons to utilize them can be difficult. That’s why Lean Library, a powerful browser plug-in, helps deliver library services into your patrons’ workflow wherever they are.

Made to increase your visibility

Created by librarians for librarians, Lean Library focuses on increasing your library’s visibility and presence to your patrons. Working with your library’s infrastructure and branding, Lean Library extends your reach to your patrons through seamless access and communication within their workflow so they can feel your support wherever they are researching.

I love this extension. It improves my search for articles a thousand times. You have taken away a most hated hurdle in my life.

– Undergraduate Student, Utrecht University
Made to simplify the research process

Researchers often find it hard gaining access to e-resources. **Lean Library** works with your library to identify your licensed resources and then activates when a researcher finds what they are looking for. Whether a researcher uses Google or Google Scholar, your library, or a direct link, **Lean Library** provides seamless access through your library wherever they enter so users can research with ease.

Made to protect user privacy

At **Lean Library**, we understand that data privacy is critical to maintaining patrons’ trust in libraries so **Lean Library** doesn’t require your users to register, but instead leads them back to your library via your established credentials.

In addition to the Privacy Policy, **Lean Library** and SAGE make these further commitments to librarians and end users who have given their trust to us:

- **Lean Library** will always gather as little personal information as possible.
- **Lean Library** only gathers as little usage data as is necessary to monitor the performance of the service, inform development work to improve the service and generate library level usage reports.
- **Lean Library** customers retain ownership of their data. Data captured will never be sold or transferred to any third party unless required by a court of law. It will not be used for any purpose other than those stated above.
Made to amplify your voice

**Lean Library** allows you to send customized messages to your patrons whenever and wherever you want. This functionality allows you to help guide your researchers to the right places, give them updates, tell them about limitations, or even just send them a friendly reminder that you’re there to help.

Do your researchers go to the wrong site when looking for your e-resources?

With Lean Library, you can direct them to the right place.
Made to overcome paywalls

**Lean Library** understands patrons won’t always find your library first. In addition to looking for open access versions or sending researchers to your ILL/DDDS, **Lean Library** will first work with your library to try and find a version of the article elsewhere within your holdings. **Lean Library** also looks for eBooks within your holdings when patrons reach a paywall.

Lead researchers back to your library as they hit paywalls, when possible.

Help save your patrons money when they’re looking for eBooks. Bring them back to your library when they discover an eBook you have access to.
Made to be an easy transition

At Lean Library, we understand your time is valuable so we work hard to seamlessly transition the extension into your current infrastructure. From there, the processes are mostly automated and require little work on your end. We even offer a workshop to help you set up your customized messages. Once implemented, we offer training, campaigns, and support materials to help spread the word to your patrons.

Made for you

At Lean Library, we’re focused on providing a product that is right for you. We believe in strong relationships with our customers and welcome feedback in how we can improve. Additionally, we are creating a community of customers to help each other maximize success and overcome obstacles.

Also wanted to say thank you so much for the heads up about [Lean Library] for off-campus browsing – it’s changed my life!

– Faculty Member, English, University of Pennsylvania

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