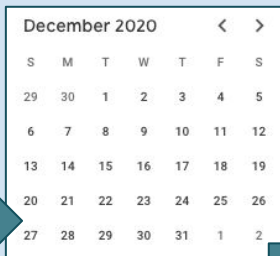# Piloting Hyku

The Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium, Inc. (PALCI) and the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana have joined forces to explore, develop, and pilot an open source, multi-tenant, consortial institutional repository using Hyku. We aim to create a service individual libraries may use, customize, and brand as their own, while building the capacity required to share infrastructure, hosting, and administration. Both consortia are currently in a pilot phase.
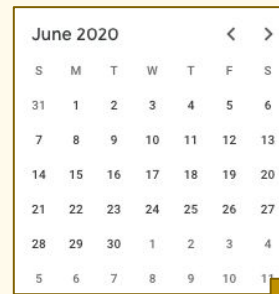
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PALCI

September 2020 → December 2020 → **Production?**

7 participants, mix of use cases, public and private, access would be an additional fee, pilot is a "trial for evaluation"

Timeline

PALNI
Collaborative, Strategic, Innovative

June 2020 → **Production**

12 participants, primarily IR, private libraries, access part of membership, pilot is "first ones to implement"

Goals

> Are there barriers to Hyku adoption?

> What level of staff resources are need for support?

> What are the costs for hosting and maintenance?

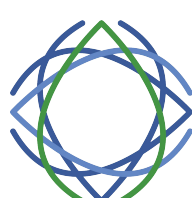> How does each library determine success?

Insights

- ➤ Some PALCI libraries are in the nascent stages without existing collections, some have current implementations of DSpace, Digital Commons, JSTOR Forum
- ➤ PALCI libraries are more worried about metadata and user interface flexibility
- ➤ Admin sets remain very difficult to explain and use for PALCI members

- ➤ PALNI libraries have been looking for an IR solution for a long time and are very collaborative
- ➤ PALNI libraries are more worried about customizing admin interfaces for easier management
- ➤ The need for bulk import/export tools is paramount

Outcomes

Beginning of the HykuCommons repository platform service

Business model for shared collaborative multi-tenant implementation

Use cases for "Barriers to Hyku" follow-up project (TBD)