DETROIT AREA LIBRARY NETWORK (DALNET)
1989/90 STATUS REPORT

DALNET, the Detroit Area Library Network, is a multi-type library consortium sharing a NOTIS Library Management System (LMS) operated by Wayne State University Libraries (WSUL). The twelve members of DALNET are Wayne State; Oakland University, Rochester; Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak; Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills; Wayne County Community College; the Detroit Associated Libraries, including the Detroit Public Library and the McGregor Library of Highland Park; Children's Hospital of Michigan; the University of Detroit; the Oakland County Library Law Division; Macomb Community College; and Harper Hospital, Detroit.
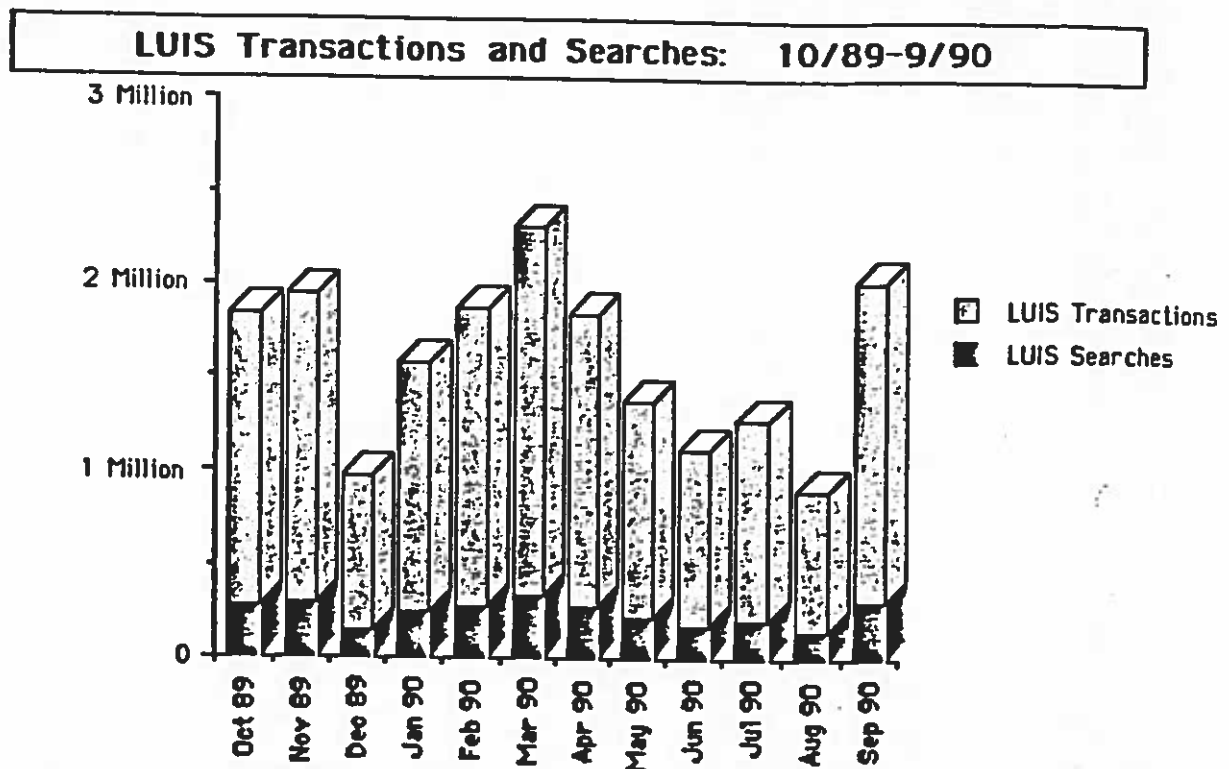
DALNET DATABASE GROWTH

LUIS is the shared online catalog for all DALNET members. During 1989/90, over 290,000 bibliographic records were added to the LUIS databases of the DALNET members other than Wayne State. These records represent not only the new titles added to DALNET libraries' collections during the year, but also older titles with cataloging available on tape. DALNET collections with records tape-loaded in 1989/90 include: the serials collections of the Detroit Public Library and of Beaumont, Children's, and Harper Hospitals; the collections of the Oakland Community College libraries; and Oakland University's U.S. government document holdings from 1976 to present. The DALNET online catalog now has over 3 million records.

Approximately 100,000 MARC authority records matching unique headings in DALNET databases other than Wayne State's were tapeloaded in Spring 1990. Authority records were tapeloaded for the Detroit Public Library, Macomb Community College, Oakland Community College, and the University of Detroit. The shared DALNET authority database grew to about 720,000 records this year. (See attached DALNET DATABASE STATISTICS chart.)

DALNET LUIS USE

Monthly statistics on the use of LUIS by all DALNET libraries, as well as by users dialing in, have been compiled since September 1989. These statistics report LUIS searches by type, e.g., subject and title, and LUIS transactions by library. In 1989/90, the months of heaviest LUIS use were November, March, April, and September. Lowest use occurred in December and August. Statistics for September 1990 showed a 40% increase over September 1989, and predict record LUIS use in the year ahead.

LUIS Transactions and Searches: 10/89-9/90

Legend:
- LUIS Transactions
- LUIS Searches

NOTIS IMPLEMENTATION BY DALNET LIBRARIES

DALNET LUIS use is increasing as more and more libraries are becoming fully operational with the NOTIS LMS. During 1989/90, nineteen LMS modules—cataloging/authority, online catalog, circulation, acquisitions, and serials control—were implemented by DALNET libraries. Five DALNET libraries now have all modules operational: Wayne State, Oakland University, Beaumont Hospital, Botsford Hospital, and Children's Hospital. The DALNET Office staff supported NOTIS implementation at the rate of one module every three weeks. The Detroit Public Library began implementing the online catalog and circulation modules branch by branch in Winter 1990. As of September, six branches out of twenty-six, were operational.

A new policy for distributing authority record updating among DALNET member libraries was instituted in Spring 1990, after an intensive study of the Consortium's options for authority record maintenance. By September, four DALNET libraries had been authorized to update all authority records in the shared authority database. This reduced the maintenance being done by "Authority Central" staff in WSUL's Database Management Section.

As of September 1990, there were 645 terminals dedicated to NOTIS access by DALNET users. Two DALNET sites implemented front-end-to-front-end telecommunications hookups, to provide access to LUIS from terminals on their local campus networks.

The number of DALNET sites printing their own NOTIS batch products, e.g., overdue notices and purchase orders, grew to five in 1990. Detroit Public Library and Macomb Community College implemented local, i.e., distributed, printing this year.

STAFF PROVIDING DALNET SUPPORT ADDED

To provide improved operational support for DALNET sites, staff members were added to the WSU University Computing Center and to the DALNET Consortium Office. Network Control staff was increased to improve telecommunications network support evenings and weekends. Staff in computer operations grew to add night shifts on Fridays and Saturdays. A third librarian was added to the DALNET Office staff in July 1990 to provide faster response to operational needs.

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