# Digital Commons Private LOCKSS Network (DC PLN)
# Frequently Asked Questions

1. What sort of content can be included in the DC PLN?

   Only content hosted on the bepress Digital Commons platform at each member library is archived in the DC PLN.

2. Is the DC PLN a light or dark archive?

   This is a dark archive.  There was some discussion about making it a light archive, but because some of our members have selected content in their repositories that is embargoed, we voted to make this a dark archive.

3. What are the requirements for membership in the DC PLN?

   Libraries must have content hosted on the bepress Digital Commons platform and must have some institutional affiliation as members of the LOCKSS Alliance, either through direct payment of LOCKSS Alliance membership fees or through a LOCKSS membership established by another library within the same university system.  Members commit to being part of the DC PLN for a minimum of 3 years, with one year notice if they plan to withdraw from the PLN.

4. Is there a charge for joining the DC PLN?

   There are no separate fees for membership beyond LOCKSS Alliance membership or annual bepress fees for Digital Commons.  The only other direct cost is a LOCKSS server for the DC PLN. Each DC PLN member is responsible for purchase, installation, and maintenance of the LOCKSS server dedicated to the DC PLN, meeting capacity requirements, administering their own server, monitoring the cache, and upgrading equipment.

5. What kind of server space do members need?

   Each member should have 1TB of space on a virtual server for the DC PLN content.  Over time, or as our membership grows, this storage space requirement might increase.

6. I have digital collections that are not on my Digital Commons platform.  Can I include that in the DC PLN?

   No, only content that is in Digital Commons is included in the DC PLN.  The DC PLN is intended to supplement local efforts to preserve content housed in a Digital Commons-based institutional repository that is not being preserved via some other means.

7. If I am interested in membership, or have other questions, who do I contact?

   Please email Carol Ann Borchert, Chair, DC PLN Steering Committee at borchert@usf.edu.