Empowering Academic Libraries with The Palace Project

Library-centered. Community-driven. Nonprofit-led.

Seamless Access. Scholarly Impact. Powered by Libraries.

The Palace Project, a product of **Lyrasis**, puts libraries back in control of their digital lending infrastructure with a unified mobile app that seamlessly integrates commercial and open-access ebooks. Already trusted by public libraries and now available to academic libraries and research institutions, Palace leverages open-source protocols to **streamline access and discovery** across fragmented ebook ecosystems.

Students, faculty and researchers can now access, read and engage with scholarly and general interest ebooks seamlessly through a single mobile app—anytime, anywhere. This empowers institutions to deliver **equitable access to knowledge**, reduce friction in digital learning and support academic success without compromising library values.

What Sets Palace Apart for Academics

Uniquely Flexible

As a nonprofit, Lyrasis offers technology that works for libraries. Our goal is to remove barriers, not create new ones.

Built-In Mobile Reader

No other academic ebook platform is integrated across publishers and offers a built-in mobile reader experience like Palace.

Proven Success in Public Libraries

We're bringing what works—from seamless patron access to backend efficiency—to academic institutions, with the same care and values.

Let's Chat!

Ask about member discounts and how The Palace Project can work for your institution by contacting **outreach@lyrasis.org** or visiting **thepalaceproject.org**.

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The Palace Project

Case Study: NYU Libraries

SERVICE AREA: NEW YORK, NY

» GOAL

NYU Libraries aimed to streamline the ebook reading experience for its 66,000+ students and faculty by reducing reliance on dozens of siloed platforms, improving mobile access and enabling innovation through interoperable ebook infrastructure. They needed a solution that could consolidate access while preserving authentication, DRM and vendor relationships.

» SOLUTION

NYU and Lyrasis partnered on implementing The Palace Project—a mobile ebook reader built on open standards (OPDS protocol). The app allowed integration of over 400,000 ebooks from vendors like ProQuest, OAPEN and University of Michigan. NYU students accessed content through their SSO login, with ebooks hosted by vendors and delivered through Palace's user-friendly, secure interface. No new DRM or vendor system changes were required.

» IMPACT

The implementation of The Palace Project significantly improved the ebook experience for NYU students and faculty by unifying access to over 400,000 titles across multiple vendors in one streamlined mobile app. Students could now easily authenticate with their NYU login, access content both on and off campus and enjoy a seamless reading experience without needing VPNs or multiple ereader apps. The project demonstrated that open, interoperable infrastructure is not only technically feasible and cost-effective but also requires minimal ongoing maintenance. Vendors successfully created OPDS feeds without modifying their existing hosting or DRM systems, proving the value of collaboration using open standards. The app's browseable, user-friendly interface helped increase engagement, offering a "Netflix-style" discovery experience. Based on the success of this implementation and positive feedback from students and librarians alike, NYU plans to expand Palace integration and support broader adoption across academic libraries.

*Read more about how NYU is using Palace and the experience of other Palace partner libraries at **thepalaceproject.org/partner-success-stories**.*