

Canadian Association of Research Libraries @ LAC 2014

Updates on recent initiatives

Wed August 6th

HUB 214 ~ 8 – 9 am



Agenda

- LibQUAL+ Canada (Linda Bedwell)
- Canadian Library Assessment Workshop (Elizabeth Hayden)
- CARL statistics (Cathy Maskell)
- Ithaka Faculty Survey (Kathy Ball)
- Cross Canada checkup (anyone?!)





Statistical Survey of Canadian Academic and Research Libraries

2013 Revision

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Why Revise?

- Last major revision of the CARL statistics was 2003-2004
- The Association of Research Libraries completed a major revision of their statistics survey in 2012
- The 2013 CARL revisions borrowed heavily from the ARL revisions but remained anchored in a Canadian context – there are some areas that CARL still wanted to collect data and some new areas that CARL is interested in as well.



Revision Focal Points

- The survey revision had 3 main foci:
 - ✓ To provide a stronger focus on electronic expenditures.
 - ✓ To streamline the questionnaire as a means to identify national trends rather than more specific management questions.
 - ✓ To address the question, “what makes us research libraries”?



Overview of changes:

Major sections from the old forms are still there:

- Collections
- Expenditures
- Personnel
- Local Characteristics
- Use, Facilities and Services
- Emerging Trends
- Salaries

The revision took us from 95 questions on the old survey to 56 questions on the new survey.

The biggest changes are in Collections, Expenditures, Use/Facilities/Services and new sections in Emerging Trends.



Going Forward

- Reviewing the answers submitted
- Particularly interested in e-resources questions
- Reviewing the comments along with the answers to determine if questions need to be refined or more complete instructions are needed



Ithaka Faculty Survey

- Ithaka
 - A not for profit organization that helps the academic community use digital technologies to preserve the scholarly record and to advance research and teaching in sustainable ways.
 - Provides three innovative services that benefit the academic community: JSTOR, Portico, Ithaka S&R



Ithaka Faculty Survey

- Guided by an advisory committee of librarians, publishers, policy makers, and a scholarly society executive
- Common modules:
 - Data preservation and management
 - Discovery
 - Role of the library
 - Student research skills
 - Digital research activities



Ithaka Faculty Survey

- Optional modules (participating libraries can choose two)
 - Material types
 - Formats
 - Access
 - Research topics and practices
 - Undergraduate instruction
 - Research dissemination
 - Scholarly societies
 - Online learning and MOOCs
 - Health Sciences
 - Graduate instruction
 - Market research



Ithaka Faculty Survey

- US
 - 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012
- UK
 - 2012
- CARL
 - Fall 2014
 - Aggregate results May 2015



Ithaka Faculty Survey

- CARL participants (12)
 - McMaster
 - Memorial
 - Ryerson
 - Université de Montréal
 - U of Alberta
 - U of Calgary
 - U of Guelph
 - U of New Brunswick
 - U of Ottawa
 - U of Windsor
 - Western
 - York



Cross Canada Checkup

