



ANNUAL REPORT SURVEY

Dear *Against the Grain* Reader:

It's time for *ATG's Annual Information Survey of Library Operations* and *ATG Survey Contest*. The survey is designed to provide our readers with library information that is unavailable anywhere else, and the results will be published in an upcoming issue of *ATG*. However, we need your input in order for this project to be successful. To participate, please complete and fax this form as soon as possible, but no later than **March 28, 2008**.

In addition, all returned surveys will be entered into a drawing from which two winners will be randomly selected. All survey respondents are eligible. The winners will receive 1) a subscription to *ATG*, 2) a paid registration to the *2008 Charleston Conference*. To submit your survey electronically, please visit the *ATG* homepage at <http://www.against-the-grain.com>. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely
Leah Hinds, Research Editor

1) What are the top five things that you are most concerned about in our industry in the 21st century?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

2) Has your library bought eBooks in the past three years?

yes no
annual budget for eBooks _____

3) Has your budget for eBooks

increased increased greatly
 decreased decreased greatly
 or stayed the same?
approximate percentage _____

4) Has your technical services operation been downsized in the past two years?

yes no If yes, please supply some specifics:
 professional staff decrease
 paraprofessional staff decrease
 teams implementation
 merge with cataloging
 merge with ILL
 other: please specify _____

5) What have the effects been? Tell us in a few sentences.

positive negative
 other _____

6) In the past year, has your materials budget

increased decreased?
approximate percentage _____

7) In the past year, has your materials budget for books

increased decreased?
approximate percentage _____

8) In the past year, has your materials budget for journals

increased decreased?
approximate percentage _____

9) In the past year, has your materials budget for electronic resources

increased decreased?
approximate percentage _____

10) What percentage of your total materials budget this year (2007/2008) is going to

___ books ___ journals
___ electronic serials ___ online resources (gateways)
___ CD-ROMs ___ other: please specify _____

11) Which Integrated Library System (ILS) do you use for the acquisition of books?

12) Which ILS do you use for the acquisition of serials?

13) List the vendors/aggregators you use for each.

books _____

serials _____

14) Does your library use commercial document delivery or pay-per-view? yes no under consideration

Please specify percentage of total operating budget or actual dollars budgeted to document delivery _____

15) Please rate your library's document delivery operation.

very effective not very effective
 other: please specify _____

16) Please rate your library's pay-per-view operation.

very effective not very effective
 other: please specify _____

17) Do you use ILLs or pay-per-view as a concrete factor in collection purchasing decisions, i.e., do you purchase books and journals based on ILL statistics? yes no

18) Do you keep use statistics on your electronic resources?

yes no
comments _____

19) Does your library provide training for your Library Technical Assistants? yes no

19a) What type of training?

in-house classes by existing staff
 continuing education in-house
(with experts from outside the library)
 satellite transmissions
 fund travel to conferences, workshops, etc.
 fund credit courses
 other: please specify _____

20) How are you dealing with more resources and more demands?

absorbing the work into current workflow
 provide essential services only
 teacher end user to do research on his/her own
 send user to another library
 other: please specify _____

21) Have you implemented an eBook approval plan?

yes no do not have an approval plan

21a) If not, do you plan to implement an eBook approval plan within the next two years? yes no

21b) If so, please list in what subject categories you plan to purchase eBooks. _____

22) Have you canceled paper subscriptions in favor of electronic subscriptions to

journals? yes no approx. dollar amount _____
reference materials? yes no amount _____

23) If your answer to question 22 is yes, how are you dealing with the issue of archiving the information?

some other library will worry about this
 will keep electronic information in whatever format we acquire it
 are keeping paper for the present
 other: please specify _____

24) What approximate percentage of your serials budget is devoted to electronic journals and databases?

25) What approximate percentage of your serials budget is devoted to print journals and indexes?

26) Does your institution offer distance education?

yes no If yes, where _____

26a) How does the library support distance education?

Please elaborate _____

27) Is your library merged with your computer center?

yes no

28) What type of librarian are you? (Select only one.)

special public
 academic government
 reference technical services
 other _____

29) What library publications do you read?

[X] Against the Grain Library Journal
 Choice Special Libraries
 C & RL Information Technology in Libraries
 Internet World Publishers Weekly
 Wired LACTS
 Other _____

30) How many years have you been a librarian? _____

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