

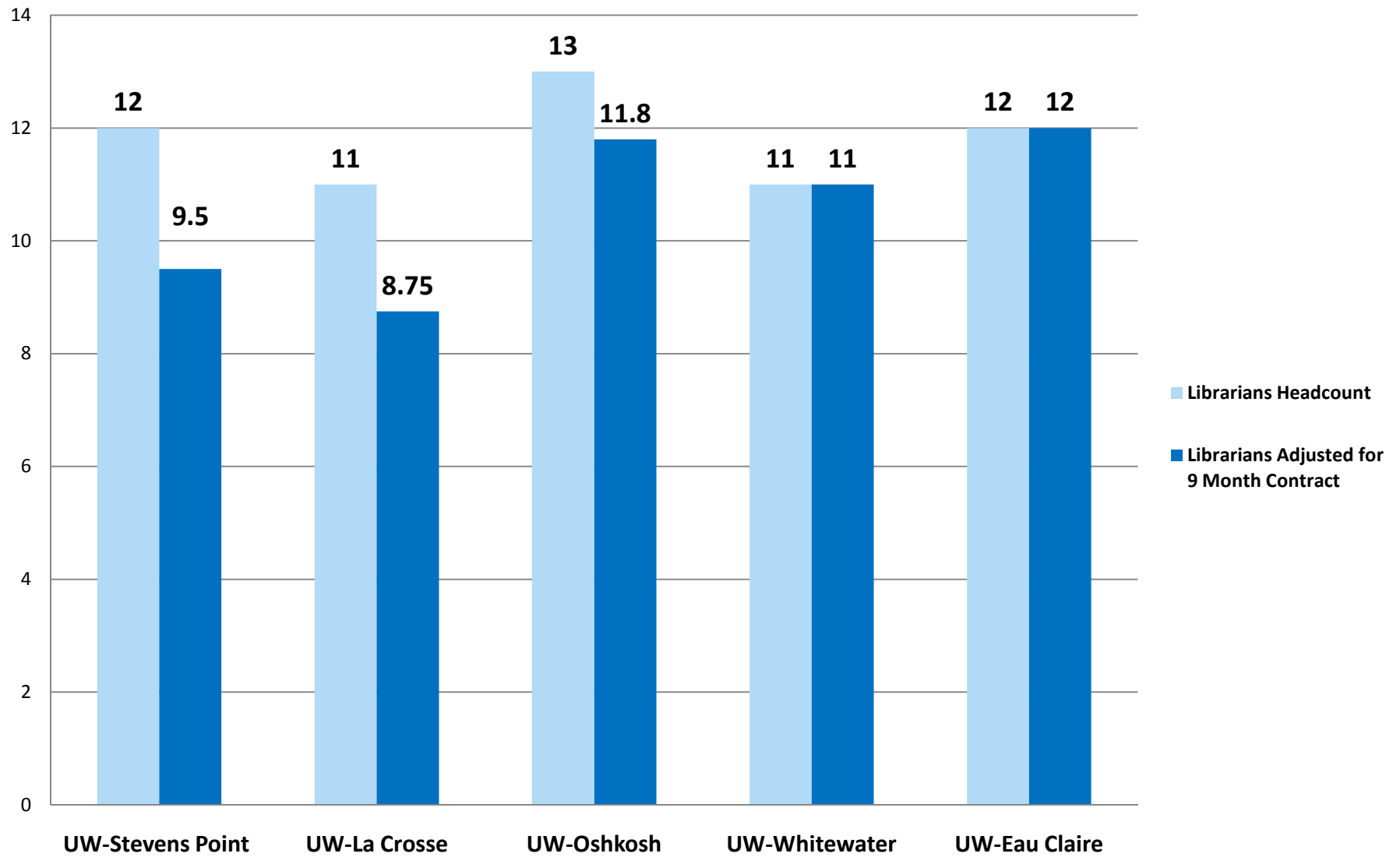
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACADEMIC LIBRARY SURVEY, FISCAL 2006

- **Comparing Wisconsin libraries**
 - Four sister institutions in the UW System with similar total FTE 12 month enrollment to UWSP were selected for comparison: UWSP – 8,127, UW La Crosse (UWLX) – 8,934, UW-Oshkosh (UWO) – 9,531, UW-Whitewater (UWW) – 9,564, and UW-Eau Claire (UWEC) – 9,620. They are charted for fiscal 2006 in order from lowest to highest enrollment.
 - Comparing the data from these libraries in various categories of the survey is not always fruitful. There are evident variants in how questions were interpreted and how data was reported from the five campuses.

- **Staffing**
 - Librarians
 - From the ALS numbers, it appears that UWSP Library is well staffed with librarians in comparison to our sister institutions.
 - Librarian contract length, 9 month versus 12 month_(see 2006 ALS Wisconsin Librarians chart following this summary). The four sister institutions were contacted to check on the length of their librarians' contracts. The ALS librarian headcount statistics were adjusted to reflect librarians having 9 month contracts versus campuses where librarians have 12 month contracts. The length of contracts has a major impact on work accomplished.
 - Results: At Whitewater and Eau Claire all librarians and 12 of 13 of Oshkosh's librarians have 12 month contracts. At UWSP 2 of our 12 librarians and at La Crosse 2 of their 11 librarians have 12 month contracts.
 - Faculty status
 - Although outside of the scope of the ALS data, the four sister universities were queried about the faculty status vs. academic status of their librarians.
 - Whitewater and Oshkosh librarians do not have faculty status. At UWSP and Eau Claire all librarians have faculty status and at La Crosse 9 of the 11 have faculty status.
 - UWSP librarians actively pursue research in a wide variety of fields, adding to our collective pool of knowledge. (See vita appendix.)
 - UWSP library faculty have a strong tradition of serving and taking leadership roles in campus faculty governance. (See vita appendix.)
 - Number of presentations and for credit classes taught
 - The number of presentations listed in the ALS survey for UWSP does not reflect the credit classes taught by our library faculty.
 - In fiscal 2006 UWSP librarians taught 6 sections of a 1 credit Library Resources course (LR101), and the archivist taught a 3 credit archives administration course through the History Department. When these sessions are added to the total number of presentations for fiscal 2006, UWSP equals 338.
 - Other Professional staff
 - While valuable, UWSP's two academic staff positions do not participate in the standard duties of our library faculty.
 - One of the professional staff is a non-librarian computer technology support position.
 - The other professional position is the university records manager/assistant archivist.
 - Students

- UWSP reports the highest number of student assistants by FTE, while paying less than the other libraries (an odd discrepancy even considering the possibility of work study versus regular wages).
- **Library expenditures**
 - Four of the schools are close in total library expenditures: UWSP - \$2,294,257, UWLX - \$2,240,543, UWO - \$2,255,052, and UWW- \$2,214,156, with UWEC substantially higher - \$3,362,034. (See ALS Wisconsin Library Total Expenditures chart.)
 - UWSP is below the median on expenditures for books, serial backfiles, and other print materials.
 - UWSP is second from lowest in expenditures for current serial subscriptions.
 - Note: Salaries for staff will shift as a proportion of the total budget as long term staff retire and new hires are made at substantially lower wages.
- **Number of hours open to the public and gate count in a typical week**
 - UWSP library is open 10 to 12 more hours per week than 3 of our sister institutions (excepting Eau Claire).
 - UWSP Library's gate count is in the mid range of our sister institutions (again excepting UWEC).
- **Services**
 - Reference transactions in a typical week
 - UWSP librarians answer more reference questions in a given week than our sister campuses.
 - Interlibrary loan
 - UWSP interlibrary loans received run lower than 3 of our sister institutions (Eau Claire higher).
 - For interlibrary loans provided to other libraries UWSP's run considerably higher than our sister institutions.
 - Circulation
 - Although the campus has the lowest total FTE 12 month enrollment, UWSP circulation statistics run higher than all libraries except Eau Claire.
- **Size of collection**
 - UWSP leads the group in reported number of books, serial back files, and other paper material as well as the number of these materials per student FTE.
 - For current serial subscriptions UWSP is just below the median for the group UWSP, UWLX, UWO, and UWW. UWEC reports 17,726 (possibly counting electronic aggregators).

2006 ALS Wisconsin Librarians



2006 ALS Wisconsin Library Total Expenditures

