

Survey 2 - Library Reps and Dept Chairs

Respondents: 23 displayed, 23 total

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1. I would like the library liaison to announce new services pertinent to my department.

		Response Total	Response Percent
Strongly Agree		7	30%
Agree		14	61%
Neutral		2	9%
Disagree		0	0%
Strongly Disagree		0	0%
Total Respondents		23	

2. In general, the library liaison program is a satisfactory vehicle of communication.





		Response Total	Response Percent
Strongly Agree		2	9%
Agree		16	70%
Neutral		4	17%
Disagree		1	4%
Strongly Disagree		0	0%
Total Respondents		23	

3. The library keeps me informed about the department's library materials allocation.






		Response Total	Response Percent
Strongly Agree		6	26%
Agree		11	48%
Neutral		5	22%
Disagree		1	4%
Strongly Disagree		0	0%

Total Respondents **23**





4. My department's annual library allocation for the purchase of library materials is satisfactory.

		Response Total	Response Percent
Strongly Agree		5	22%
Agree		8	35%
Neutral		0	0%
Disagree		7	30%
Strongly Disagree		3	13%
Total Respondents		23	






5. The library's collection of books and other print materials is adequate for my department.

		Response Total	Response Percent
Strongly Agree		1	4%
Agree		13	57%
Neutral		5	22%
Disagree		2	9%
Strongly Disagree		2	9%
Total Respondents		23	






6. The library's collection of DVDs, videos, and other non-print materials is adequate for my department.

		Response Total	Response Percent
Strongly Agree		0	0%
Agree		11	48%
Neutral		9	39%
Disagree		2	9%
Strongly Disagree		1	4%
Total Respondents		23	




7. Access to journal literature is adequate for my department.

		Response Total	Response Percent
Strongly Agree		1	5%
Agree		10	45%
Neutral		5	23%
Disagree		3	14%
Strongly Disagree		3	14%
Total Respondents		22	
(skipped this question)			1

8. Access to electronic databases is adequate for my department.

		Response Total	Response Percent
Strongly Agree		3	13%
Agree		11	48%
Neutral		5	22%
Disagree		2	9%
Strongly Disagree		2	9%
Total Respondents		23	

9. I have a good idea of the resources and services that the library provides.

		Response Total	Response Percent
Strongly Agree		6	26%
Agree		12	52%
Neutral		3	13%
Disagree		2	9%
Strongly Disagree		0	0%
Total Respondents		23	

10. In what departmental subject areas would you like additions in the library's collection of books and non-print materials?

Total Respondents	8
(skipped this question)	15

11. In what departmental subject areas do you see gaps in access to journal literature?

Total Respondents	8
(skipped this question)	15

12. Other comments or concerns:

Total Respondents	7
(skipped this question)	16

10. In what departmental subject areas would you like additions in the library's collection of books and non-print materials?

1. Ecology and wildlife
2. Research methods, particularly surveys and qualitative research
3. Myself and other faculty members need multiple copies of books to use with small groups of students. My liaison has shown me how to put these on reserve and I appreciate it.
4. Art. While there are a good deal of holdings in this area, many of the holdings are fairly old, with dated reproductions.
5. health promotion, human development, family life, nutrition, physical activity, stress management, health care cost containment,
6. Political Science and Philosophy
7. More hard copies of Journals in the subject disciplines
8. Standard scholarly editions of primary texts in British,American, and World Literature in English.

11. In what departmental subject areas do you see gaps in access to journal literature?

1. Ecology and wildlife
2. I really dislike the one-year embargo on recent journal articles. We often need access to the most recent studies and, if we don't have print copies available, the denial of access to the most recent year is a big barrier to research success.
3. Environmental education
4. Chemistry
5. None that I have been made aware of.
6. Political Science and Philosophy
7. PNAS, Science, and Nature are the top general journals in our field with the most up-to-date research to share with our students. Online access to these would provide pdf copies of journal articles and image data for powerpoints to be used in our classes.
8. American Literature
Critical Theory

12. Other comments or concerns:

1. I do not teach classes so it was difficult to answer some of the questions.
2. Although books are of some value, the need for journal access and electronic databases is far greater in the sciences than the need for books. Literature searches that are necessary for grant writing, paper writing and brainstorming require access to dozens to hundreds of journal articles. Determining which articles are relevant from abstracts is

not usually possible. Interlibrary loan, although reliable and valuable in its own way, is a slow, ineffective solution to this problem.

3. The Department of Art & Design has tried to address deficiencies in the art books holdings over the last decade. I think we have made good inroads, but many of the image-heavy books are quite expensive, and the budget only allows us to make a dent in the holdings. The department certainly does appreciate all of the library's support as we increase our holdings, especially in terms of increased budget at times.

4. I mostly use ILL for journal article access, and I encourage it's use with my colleagues. ILL works fine. I have a suggestion about procedures for acquiring books. After a book is received and shelved, I (dept. liaison) receive a little index card with some of the information about the book. It would be more useful to our department if I could receive one of the following, or both:
- 1) a list of books recently shelved on our behalf, for posting (should include title, author, description, UWSP catalog number)
 - 2) the book covers, if the library receives them and intends to throw them away anyway (again, for posting)

5. I think the library does a admirable job with the limited resources available. I only think that those resources are terribly inadequate. The library budget needs to be upgraded considerably. At the end of the day, each faculty member can only recommend about four or five books for purchase every year. There are simply MANY very important books in my field that are strikingly absent from the library's holdings. UB is a good way of dealing with the absence, but not as good as having the books on site.

6. I think that the tutoring department downstairs in the library, though not directly connected to the library is perhaps the most valuable service offered in that building. I have see so many students who were having difficulty go there and get real help in turning around their semesters, and in some cases their academic careers.

7. The library staff generally do an excellent job under difficult budgetary circumstances. The English Department is particularly lucky in its library liaison, and in the educational services offered by your staff (Nerissa Nelson is admirable).