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?!)
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.
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
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• 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
- 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
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