

Statistics that State Data Coordinators are currently discussing From July 2012 to April 2013

Circulation of electronic materials

- SDC's are discussing whether or not to add electronic materials as a sub-field of circulation
 - *NOTE: SDC's voted on this; this item WILL be added in the future.*
- When a library has loaded multiple e-books on a reader does that counts as one circulation or should you count every title? Group consensus seemed to be that it should be counted as only one circulation.

Counting and definitions of e-content

- Should these materials be counted as units? What constitutes a unit?
- What should be considered a database? When should the library count individual units? This comes up with things like Overdrive.
- Consensus seems to be that a database is something where libraries have no control over selection of the content.
- *NOTE: SDC's voted on whether or not to add electronic books, audio-downloadable content and video-downloadable content to the category of library collections. These items WILL be added in the future.*

Where to count enriched content (things like book covers, reviews that appear in online catalog)?

- SDC's appear to agree that the cost should be included in other operating expenses.

What should be considered a program?

- SDC's seemed to agree that a program involves some kind of planning and effort on the part of library staff. Administrative meetings don't count as programs nor could events like art displays or signing up for summer reading. The library has to actively organize, plan, and/or make arrangements for it to count as a program.
- There was also brief discussion about whether or not to have a subcategory for "senior" programming as one state has a lot of snowbirds. The consensus appears to be no.

- Are Friends of the Library or Library Foundation meetings considered library programming? The consensus seems to be no - these are independent organizations so their meetings should not be considered library events.

Outlet statistics – how much do other states collect when it comes to outlets?

- Few respondents but those who did respond say they collect usage statistics but not budget data.

Interlibrary Loans – how to count ILL's when libraries are in a sharing group

- Federal definitions indicate that any item that goes to another autonomous library should be counted as an ILL. One library argued that ALA's definition doesn't match.
- Proposal has been made that the Institute of Museum and Library Services work with others to clarify what happens if there are sharing groups.

Self-service hours

- If a patron is able to check out books, use computers, etc. but doesn't have access to library staff are those counted as public service hours or something else?
- Consensus seemed to be that they should be counted as public service hours since the patrons are still able to use library services.

Should there be young adult, children, and adult circulation counts?

- Consensus appears to be that it would be difficult to separate this out.

Should there be a collection of internet service level? E.g.:

- Type(s) of internet connection
 - provider
- Speed (broadband)
 - Coming into the building
 - Download/upload Subscribed and Device-level
 - Sufficient for patron and staff needs?
- Filtering software or service
- Wireless service
 - Is it provided?
 - Method of users count?
 - User count