Going Global: An International Survey of Lending and Borrowing Across Borders

TINA BAICH, IUPUI UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
HEATHER WELTIN, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON

ILDS Conference, September 19, 2011
Overview

• STARS:
  ➢ Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section

• Purpose of RUSA STARS:
  ➢ The purpose of the STARS International Interlibrary Loan Committee is to evaluate trends in international interlibrary loan (ILL) and resource sharing, to develop materials and resources for international ILL practitioners, and to promote international ILL resource sharing efforts.

• First Survey Initial Findings:
Demographics: Total Requests by Continent

North America: 53%
Europe: 33%
Australia and Oceania: 8%
Asia: 4%
Africa: 2%
Central or South America: 0%
Demographics: Volume of International Requests

- None
- Fewer than 100
- 100 to 250
- 251 to 500
- 501 to 750
- 751 to 1000
- 1001 to 2500
- Over 2500

Graph showing the volume of international requests categorized by volume and whether they are for borrowing or lending.
Borrowing
Types of Materials Requested Internationally

- Returnables: 8%
- Non-returnables: 10%
- Both: 82%
Continents from Which Libraries Will Borrow

- Europe: 61%
- North America: 21%
- Australia & Oceania: 12%
- Africa: 5%
- Central or South America: 0%
- Asia: 1%
Hard to Obtain Materials

- Copies of rare or older materials
- Local dissertations
- CD/Audio media
- Electronic books
- Video/Film media
- Serials (bound volumes/issuses)
- Microforms
- Music scores
- Other
- Books
Lending
Types of Materials Lent Internationally

- Returnables, 3.7%
- Non-returnables, 11.4%
- Both, 84.9%
Countries to Which Libraries Will Lend

- Canada: 138
- Australia: 112
- United Kingdom: 112
- United States: 99
- Denmark: 91
- Germany: 51
- France: 38
- Norway: 37
- Sweden: 37
- New Zealand: 36
- Japan: 21
- Finland: 19
- Italy: 18
- Spain: 18
- South Africa: 17
- Estonia: 15
- Netherlands: 15
- Czech Republic: 14
- Korea, South: 14
- China: 13
- Turkey: 11
- Hungary: 10
Countries to Which Libraries Will Not Lend

- Mexico: 6
- Afghanistan: 4
- Australia: 4
- Korea, North: 4
- United States: 4
- China: 3
- Italy: 3
- South Africa: 3
- Canada: 2
- Egypt: 2
- France: 2
- Iran: 2
- Iraq: 2
- Libya: 2
- Russia: 2
- Spain: 2
- Turkey: 2
## Comparison

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2007 survey of US libraries</th>
<th>2011 survey of international libraries</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>• Over 50% have annual volume of less than 5,000</td>
<td>• Over 50% have annual volume of less than 5,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• 94% borrow and lend internationally</td>
<td>• 87.3% borrow internationally</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Canada, Australia, UK among top countries from which libraries borrow and to which libraries will lend</td>
<td>• 86.9% lend internationally</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Videos/Films, Books more than 100 years old, &amp; Dissertations identified as most difficult to borrow</td>
<td>• Canada, Australia, UK among top countries from which libraries borrow and to which libraries will lend</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Copies of rare or older materials, Dissertations, &amp; CD/Audio media identified as most difficult to borrow</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Summary

• Level of international ILL activity
  - 51% reported an increase of at least 10%
  - Visibility of collections

• Online lending policies
  - Only 35.7% make available on library website

• Next step
  - Full analysis of survey results and release of executive report
Questions?

Tina Baich
cbaich@iupui.edu
Heather Weltin
hweltin@library.wisc.edu