State Library/Library Association and Government Information Training Topics

The following survey asks questions pertaining to the topics covered in learning opportunities offered to public librarians by your State Library/Library Association. This survey should take about five minutes to complete. For purposes of this survey the word training refers to any courses, programs, seminars or organized learning experiences made available to public librarians**.** Thank you for your time.

1. What is your state library/state library association's staffing full-time equivalent (FTE)?
   _____FTE

2. Does you state library offer any training, professional development, or continuing education for library staff? Yes/No

3. What is your overall yearly budget dedicated to providing training, professional development, or educational opportunities to member libraries/librarians?
   $_____
   NA

4. What was your total annual training, professional development, or continuing education program attendance this past year?

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5. Is the provision of library training, professional development, or educational opportunities tied your organization's mission?
   Yes/No

6. What importance does your library place on providing library training, professional development, or educational opportunities?
   Very important   1   2   3   4   5   Not important

7. What types of training, professional development, or continuing education have you provided in the past year? (Choose all that apply)

	In-person	**Virtual**
Classes – a series of cumulative, formal instruction on a regular/semi-regular basis	_____	
Workshops – training that is one-time only for special occasions/needs	_____	
Tutorials – mediated or unmediated step-by-step instruction upon request	_____	

   Resource Materials –reference items provided (in some cases prepared)
   by State Library/Lib Association

	Free Use	**For Fee**
On-line materials	_____	
Print materials	_____	

   Other (please specify) _____

8. Who provides the training, professional development, or continuing education? (Choose all the apply)
   State library/association staff   _____
   Other library staff not from state library/association   _____

Community volunteers   _____
Commercial vendors   _____
Outside consultants   _____
Other (specify)   _____
N/A   _____

9. Where does library training, professional development, or continuing education occur? At the: (Choose all the apply.)

State library/association head quarters   _____
Affiliate/satellite offices   _____
Member libraries   _____
Other   _____
NA   _____

10. Does your state library offer any training, professional development, or continuing education to librarians to help them instruct patrons on the following:

	YES	**NO**	**Don't Know**
i. Accessing information from the internet	1	2	99
ii. Finding government information?	1	2	99
iii. Instructing underserved populations?	1	2	99

The next set of questions specifically deals with training topics concerning government information. In particular we are interested in services that pertain to government information at all levels (local, state, federal) of government. This information may include anything from health and housing, education and employment opportunities, legal and law enforcement issues, military service, and even how to fill out tax forms.

11. How often have training, professional development, or continuing education programs related to *government information* been offered by your state library/association?

Several times a year   _____
Monthly   _____
Once   _____
Never   _____
Other (specify)   _____

12. What types of training, professional development, or continuing education on *government information* do you provide?

	In-person	**Virtual**
Classes – a series of cumulative, formal instruction on a regular/semi-regular basis	_____	
Workshops – training that is one-time only for special occasions/needs	_____	
Tutorials – mediated or unmediated step-by-step instruction upon request	_____	

	Free Use	**For Fee**
Resource Materials –reference items provided (in some cases prepared) by State Library/Lib Association		
On-line materials	_____	
Print materials	_____	

Other (please specify) _____

13. What types of government information topics are covered through your training, professional development, or continuing education programs? (Choose all that apply.)

TOPIC	Classes	Workshops	Tutorials	Reference Service	Special Collections
Family (or household), Neighborhood, Community- examples of this include marriage licenses, credit reports, government assistance					
Education, Jobs, Military - examples of this include getting a job, seeking military benefits, student loans					
Housing and Property - examples of this include purchasing a house, issues with a landlord, and zoning issues					
Health, Nutrition, and Food - examples of this include food stamps, Medicare/Medicaid, nutrition programs for children/families					
Law and Politics - examples of this include voter registration, immigration, courts/laws, tax					
Recreation - examples of this include local/state/national parks, fishing/hunting licenses					
Other					

14. Who provides the training, professional development, or continuing education for *government information* topics? (Choose all the apply)

        State library/association staff   _____

        Other library staff not from state library/association   _____

        Community volunteers   _____

        Commercial vendors   _____

        Outside consultants   _____

        Other (specify)   _____

        N/A   _____

15. Where does library training, professional development, or continuing education on *government information* occur? At the: (Choose all the apply)

        State library/association headquarters   _____

        Affiliate/satellite offices   _____

        Member libraries   _____

        Other   _____

16. What determines the types of training, professional development, or continuing education topics that are offered at your state library/library association? _____

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17. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about how your state library/association makes training, professional development or continuing education resources focusing on government information available to member libraries? _____
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---**Thank you for your time.**

If you have any questions about this study, please contact the Library Research Center at (217) 333-1980 or via email at surveys@lrcmail.lis.uiuc.edu