

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 your 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?

5. Is the provision of library training, professional development, or educational opportunities tied to 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)

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

On-line materials

Print materials

Other (please specify) _____

In-person Virtual

Free Use For Fee

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:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
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	_____	_____
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) _____		

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? _____

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? _____

-----**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