IMLS Digital Collections and Content

Opening History Evaluation

 There are 18 questions in this survey, divided into 4 sections.

**About Your Library and Service Community**

**1. What type of library do you represent?**

Choose only one option:

Small public library (serving pop. X or smaller) Academic library

Small public library (serving pop. X or smaller) Public library

**[If “Academic library”]**

**2. What size is your library, measured by full-time enrollment?**

Choose only one option:

Small public library (serving pop. X or smaller) Small (serving full-time enrollment under 3k)

Medium public library (serving pop. X pop. Y) Medium (serving full-time enrollment between 3k and 9k)

Large public library (serving pop. Y - pop. Z) Large (serving full-time enrollment 10k and above)

**[If “Public library”]**

**2. What size is your library, measured by population served?**

Choose only one option:

Small public library (serving pop. X or smaller) Small (serving population under 24k)

Medium public library (serving pop. X pop. Y) Medium (serving population 25k-99k)

Large public library (serving pop. Y - pop. Z) Large (serving population 100k and above)

**3. In what state is your library located? (Choose one.)**

Choose only one option:

[dropdown list of states]

**4. What groups in your service community are the most frequent users of historical materials?**

Please rank order from 1 to 3, with 1 being the most frequent users:

* General adults
* History enthusiasts
* Genealogists
* Professionals
* Primary and middle school students
* High school students
* Undergraduate students
* Graduate students
* K-12 teachers or administrators
* College or university faculty
* Other (Please specify below)

**5. If you chose “Other” above, please list the group(s) below.**

Please write your answer here:

**6. Please list 5-10 examples of historical topics of interest to your service community at large.**

Please write your answer here:

**7. Please list one or more digital history resources your library makes available to your service community.**

Please write your answer here:

**Introduction to Opening History**

Opening History is an aggregation of digital U.S. history resources from libraries, museums and archives. Opening History currently provides access to more than 1,000 collections and more than one million items.

**Please take a few minutes to review the Opening History main page and the “Browse Collections” options at**[**http://imlsdcc.grainger.uiuc.edu/history/**](http://imlsdcc.grainger.uiuc.edu/history/)**.**

**8. Compared to other digital history resources you make available, how well does Opening History cover the following areas?**

Please choose a response for each area:

|  | Much Narrower | Narrower | About the Same | Broader | Much Broader | Don’t Know |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Geographic regions | http://media.sunahsuh.com/limesurvey/templates/limespired/print_img_radio.png | http://media.sunahsuh.com/limesurvey/templates/limespired/print_img_radio.png | http://media.sunahsuh.com/limesurvey/templates/limespired/print_img_radio.png | http://media.sunahsuh.com/limesurvey/templates/limespired/print_img_radio.png | http://media.sunahsuh.com/limesurvey/templates/limespired/print_img_radio.png | http://media.sunahsuh.com/limesurvey/templates/limespired/print_img_radio.png |
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**COMMENT BOX**

**9. Compared to other digital history resources you make available, how would you describe the presentation quality of Opening History?**

Please choose only one option:

Lower quality Much higher quality

Slightly lower quality Somewhat higher quality

About the same About the same quality

Slightly higher quality Somewhat lower quality

* Much lower quality
* Don’t know

**COMMENT BOX**

**10. How well do you think the browsing categories provided on the main page match the history interests of your service community at large?  
See** <http://imlsdcc.grainger.illinois.edu/history/>**.**

Please choose only one option:

No Interest Very high match

Below Average Interest High match

Average Interest Medium match

Above Average Interest Low match

High Interest No match

High Interest Don’t know

**COMMENT BOX**

**Exploring Opening History**

**11. Please try a couple of searches on topics of interest to your users.   
You may search for topics listed in your answer to question #6 above or try related or more specific search terms.**

**How well does Opening History cover these topic areas?**

Please choose only one option:

Below Average Interest Very good coverage

Average Interest Good coverage

Average Interest Uneven coverage

Above Average Interest Basic coverage

High Interest Minimal coverage

* No coverage
* Don’t know

**COMMENT BOX**

**Please take a minute to review this collection record:**

[**http://imlsdcc.grainger.uiuc.edu/history/collections/FullDisplay.asp?cid=2424**](http://imlsdcc.grainger.uiuc.edu/history/collections/FullDisplay.asp?cid=2424)**.**

**12. The format of this collection record is:**

Please choose only one option:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Useful Too complex | Not Useful Complex | Somewhat Useful Fine, neither complex nor simple | Useful Simple | Very Useful Too simple | Very Useful Don’t know |

**13. The description of this collection is:**

Please choose only one option:

Not Useful Very clear

Not Useful Clear

Somewhat Useful Adequate

Useful Unclear

Very Useful Very unclear

Very Useful Don’t know

**Please provide any additional comments on the quality or usefulness of the collection record here:**

**COMMENT BOX**

**Your General Assessment of Opening History**

**14. How useful do you think Opening History would be as a research resource for your service community at large?**

Please choose only one option:

Not Useful Extremely useful

Not Useful Very useful

Somewhat Useful Useful

Useful Somewhat useful

Very Useful Not at all useful

Very Useful Don’t know

**COMMENT BOX**

**15. How valuable do you think Opening History would be to you in providing reference services?**

Please choose only one option:

Not Useful Extremely valuable

Not Useful Very valuable

Somewhat Useful Valuable

Useful Somewhat valuable

Very Useful Not at all valuable

Very Useful Don’t know

**COMMENT BOX**

**16. What kind of materials could be added to make Opening History more valuable for your service community?**

Please type your answer here:

**17. What kind of materials could be added to make Opening History more valuable for you in providing reference services?**

Please type your answer here:

**18. How could the presentation of Opening History be improved? Please feel free to comment on any aspect, including the interface design, organization of content, metadata records, etc.**

Please type your answer here: