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:

 Academic library

 Public library

**[If “Academic library”]**

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

Choose only one option:

 Small (serving full-time enrollment under 3k)

 Medium (serving full-time enrollment between 3k and 9k)

 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 (serving population under 24k)

 Medium (serving population 25k-99k)

 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:

 Much higher quality

 Somewhat higher quality

 About the same 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:

 Very high match

 High match

 Medium match

 Low match

 No match

 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:

 Very good coverage

 Good coverage

 Uneven coverage

 Basic coverage

 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:

 Very clear

 Clear

 Adequate

 Unclear

 Very unclear

 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:

 Extremely useful

 Very useful

 Useful

 Somewhat useful

 Not at all 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:

 Extremely valuable

 Very valuable

 Valuable

 Somewhat valuable

 Not at all valuable

 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: