



LibQUAL+[®] Survey Introduction

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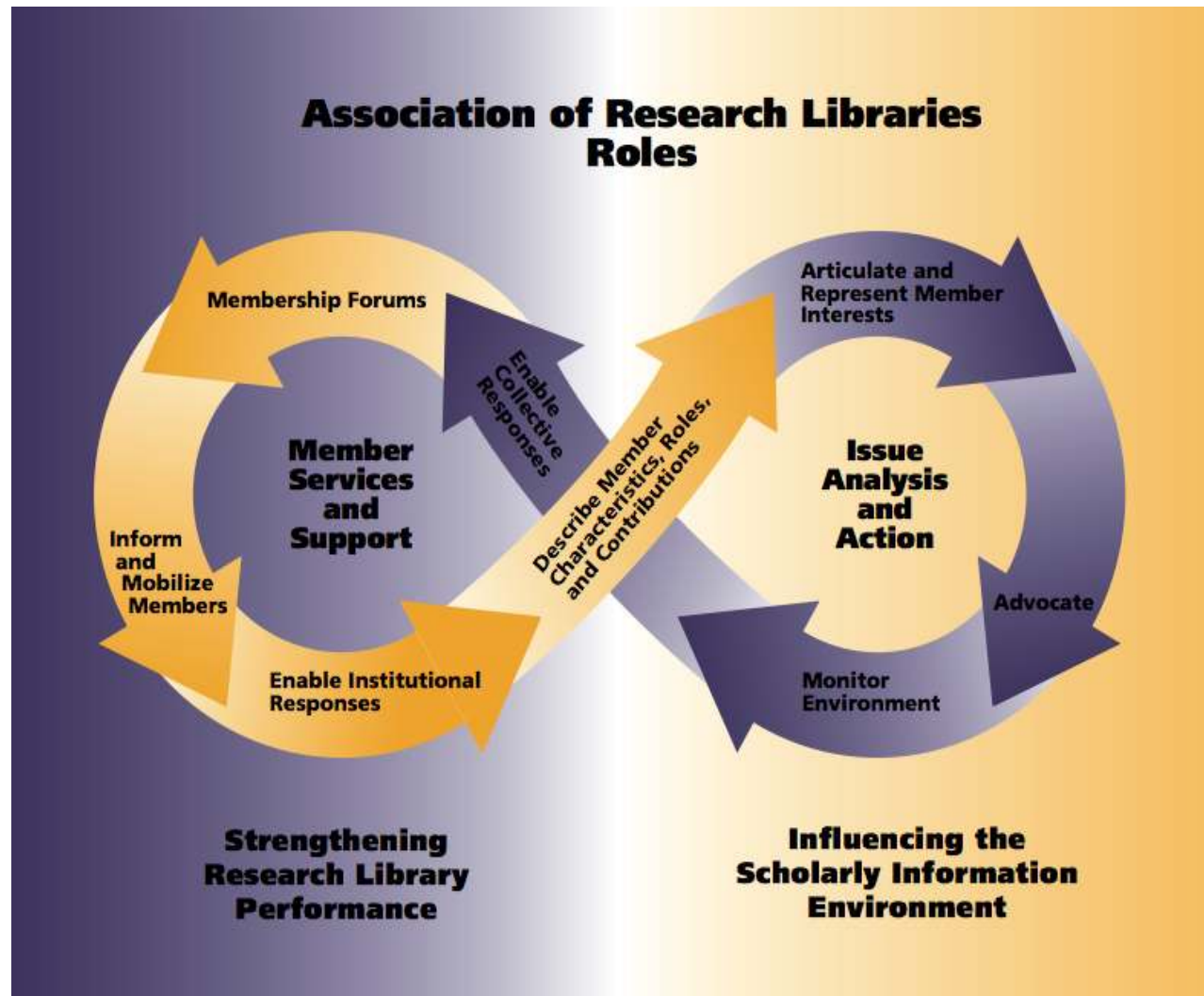


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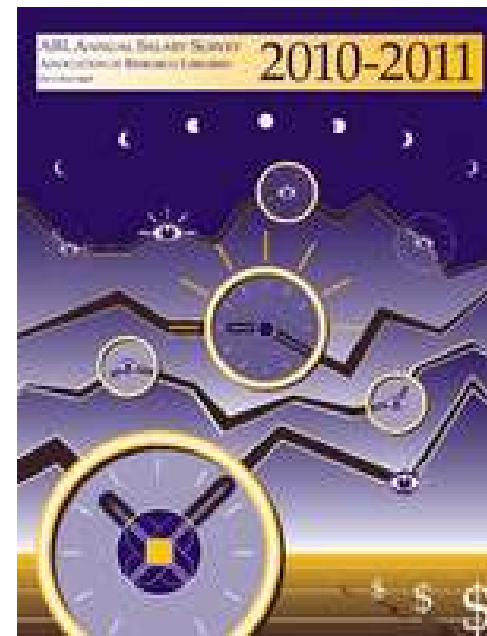
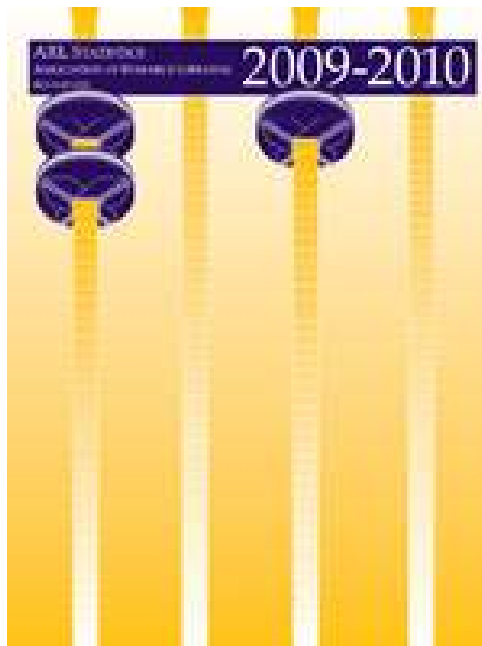




ARL Roles



In the beginning ... Statistics & Salaries





...To **describe** and measure the performance of **research libraries** and their contribution to teaching, research, scholarship and community service ...



Assessment

“The difficulty lies in trying to find a single model or set of simple indicators that can be used by different institutions, and that will compare something across large groups that is by definition only locally applicable—i.e., how well a library meets the needs of its institution. Librarians have either made do with oversimplified national data or have undertaken customized local evaluations of effectiveness, but there has not been devised an effective way to link the two.”

Sarah Pritchard, Library Trends, 1996



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October/ December 2003

A BIMONTHLY REPORT ON RESEARCH LIBRARY ISSUES AND ACTIONS FROM ARL, CNI, AND SPARC

ARL

MAINSTREAMING NEW MEASURES

by Julia C. Blixrud, Assistant Executive Director, External Relations, ARL

Within the past four years, "new measures" has entered the lexicon of library

Development of the Initiative
ARL has been collecting descriptive data from its

Issue 230/231 available on the web



SERVQUAL

PERCEPTIONS ←————→ **SERVICE**
“.....**only** customers judge quality;
all other judgments are essentially
irrelevant”

Note. Zeithaml, Parasuraman, Berry. (1999).
Delivering quality service. NY: The Free Press.



Dimensions

2000	2001	2002	2003-Present
41 items	56 items	25 items	22 items
Affect of Service	Affect of Service	Affect of Service	Affect of Service
Library as Place	Library as Place	Library as Place	Library as Place
Reliability	Reliability	Personal Control	Information Control
Provision of Physical Collections	Self-Reliance	Information Access	
Access to Information	Access to Information		



Survey Structure (Detail View)

Preview: ARL Sample 4-Year Institution Library Service Quality Survey

Please rate the following statements (1 is lowest, 9 is highest) by indicating:

Minimum -- the number that represents the *minimum* level of service that you would find acceptable

Desired -- the number that represents the level of service that *you personally want*

Perceived -- the number that represents the level of service that *you believe* our library currently provides

For each item, you must EITHER rate the item in all three columns OR identify the item as "N/A" (not applicable). Selecting "N/A" will override all other answers for that item.

When it comes to...	My Minimum Service Level Is		My Desired Service Level Is		Perceived Service Performance Is		N/A	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High		
1) Employees who instill confidence in users	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
2) Easy-to-use access tools that allow me to find things on my own	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
3) Print and/or electronic journal collections I require for my work	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
4) Readiness to respond to users' questions	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
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Rapid Growth

- **Languages**

- Afrikaans
- **Arabic**
- English (American, British)
- Chinese
- Danish
- Dutch
- Finnish
- French (Belge, Canada, Europe)
- German
- **Greek**
- **Hebrew**
- Japanese
- Norwegian
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Welsh

- **Consortia**

- *Each may create 5 local questions to add to their survey

- **Countries**

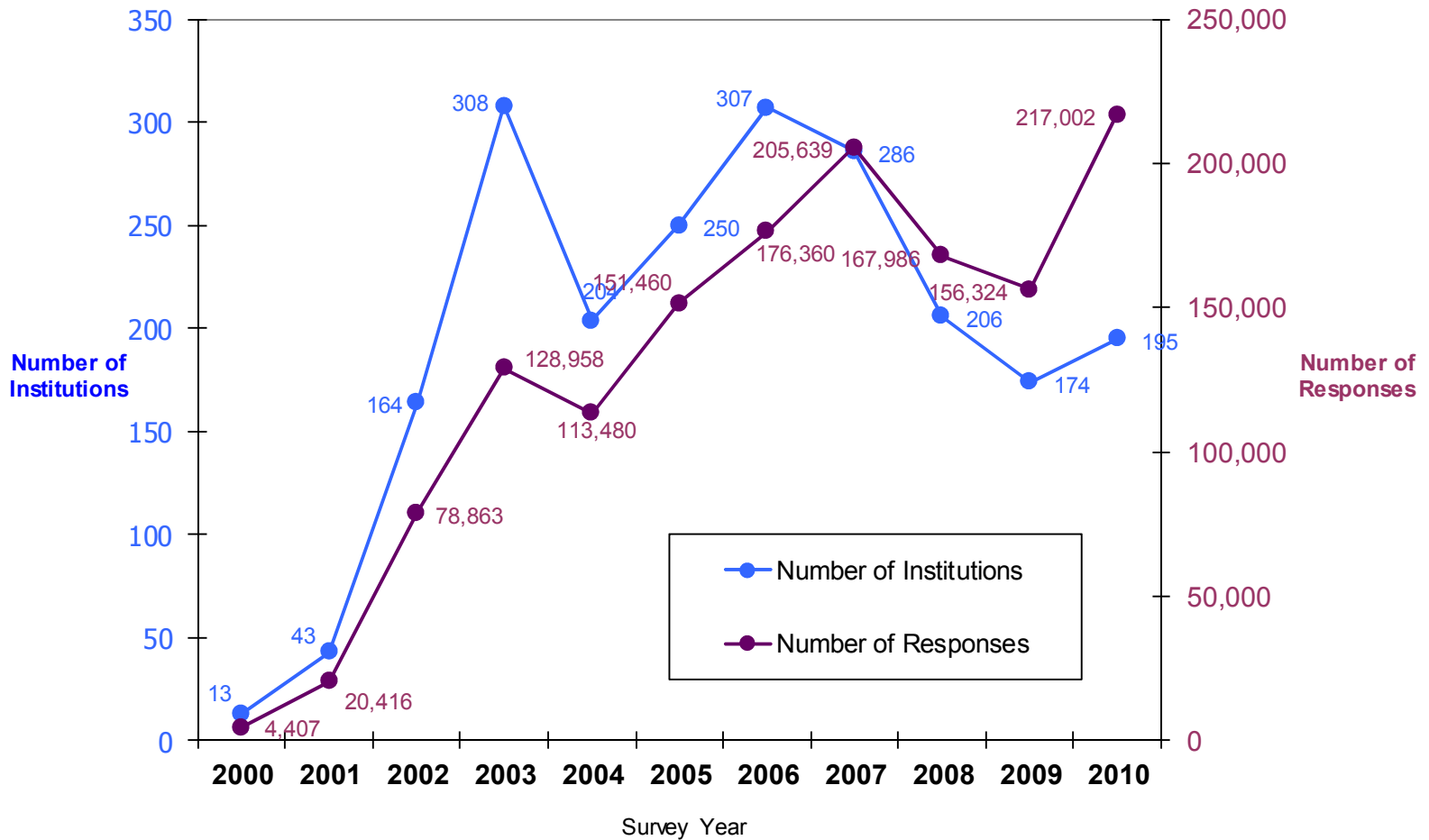
- Australia, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, UAE, U.K., U.S., etc.....

- **Types of Institutions**

- Academic Health Sciences
- Academic Law
- Academic Military
- College or University
- Community College
- Electronic
- European Business
- European Parliament
- Family History
- Research Centers (FFRDC) Libraries
- High School
- Hospital
- National Health Service England
- Natural Resources
- New York Public
- Public
- Smithsonian
- State
- University/TAFE

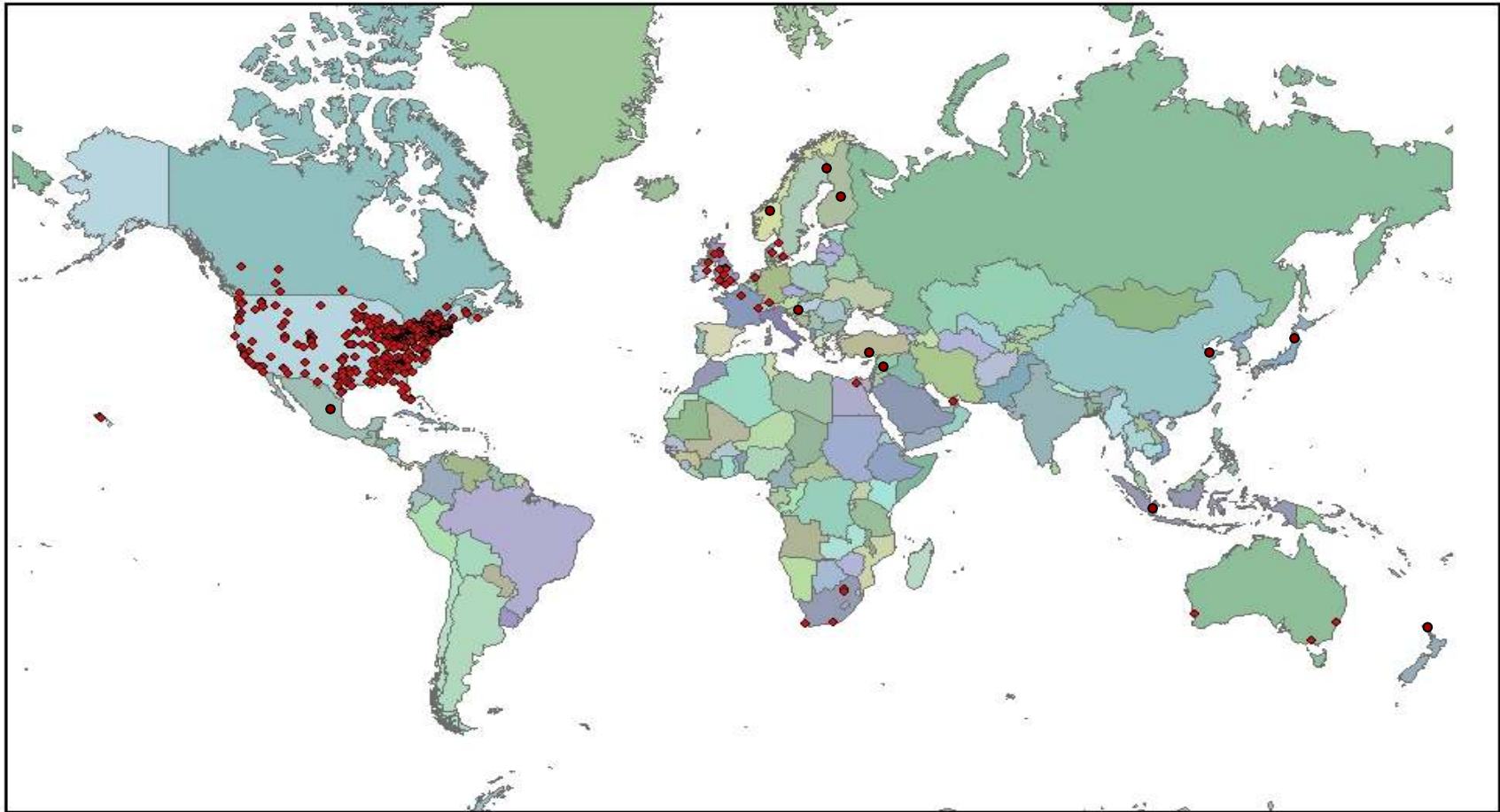


LibQUAL+® Participation





World LibQUAL+® Survey





R&D

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- Colleen Cook, “*A MIXED-METHODS APPROACH TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND MEASUREMENT OF ACADEMIC LIBRARY SERVICES*” (PhD diss., Texas A&M University, 2001).
 - Martha Kyrillidou, “*ITEM SAMPLING IN SERVICE QUALITY ASSESSMENT SURVEYS TO IMPROVE RESPONSE RATES AND REDUCE RESPONDENT BURDEN: THE ‘LibQUAL+® Lite’ RANDOMIZED CONTROL TRIAL (RCT)*” (PhD diss., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2009)

What is LibQUAL+®?

LibQUAL+® is a suite of services that libraries use to solicit, track, understand, and act upon users' opinions of service quality. These services are offered to the library community by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). The program's centerpiece is a rigorously tested Web-based survey bundled with training that helps libraries assess and improve library services ... [more](#)

THE BIRTH OF LibQUAL+®?

In 1999, Fred Heath and Colleen Cook, both then at Texas A & M University, realized that use of "input" variables, such as collection or serials counts, were limited as measures of library service quality ... [more](#)

THE LibQUAL+® SURVEY?

Since 2000, more than 1,000 libraries have participated in LibQUAL+® domestically and internationally, with participating institutions in Africa, Australia, Asia, and Europe ... [more](#)

VIEW A SAMPLE SURVEY?

The LibQUAL+® survey is a two-page, web-based instrument. For more information about the survey instrument, [click here](#)...

Register for LibQUAL+®

Sign up and register here to start a LibQUAL+® survey.

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NEWS

- [+ 12/15/2009: Launching New Website](#)
- [+ 9/22/2009: Register for the 2010 LibQUAL+® survey!](#)
- [+ 2/20/2009: LibQUAL+® Share Fair, Chicago, July 13, 2009: Call for Entries](#)

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How will LibQUAL+® benefit your library users?

Library administrators have successfully used LibQUAL+® survey data to identify best practices, analyze deficits, and effectively allocate resources. LibQUAL+® gives your library users a chance to tell you where your services need improvement so you can respond to and better manage their expectations. Institutional data and reports enable you to assess whether your library services are meeting user expectations—and develop services that better meet these expectations.



LibQUAL+® Top 10 Resources

A Google™ search on "LibQUAL+" yields approximately 100,000 hits, and more than 50 refereed journal articles have been published on the protocol. To use to learn about LibQUAL+®...

EVENTS

- [+ 5/24/2010: 2010 LibQUAL+® and Beyond - Glasgow, Scotland](#)
- [+ 2/5/2010: 2010 Introduction to LibQUAL+® - London, England](#)
- [+ 1/18/2010: LibQUAL+® Training Sessions - Boston, MA](#)

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PUBLICATIONS

- [+ Describing the Research Library of the 21st Century: The ARL Profiles](#)
- [+ Library Assessment Conference 2008, Seattle, Washington August 4-7: Recap & Evaluation](#)
- [+ Library Quality Assessment through LibQUAL+®](#)

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