

Drexel Faculty/Staff University Scholarly Reading Survey

You are invited to participate in a national study of university libraries sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency. This survey is sent to you to learn how much you use Drexel Libraries collection, the purpose of using it, and how it has helped you.

This survey will take up to 15 minutes to complete depending on the extent of your library use. The survey has been conducted on the ROI of library collections in the U.S. and several other countries and has been extremely useful to the libraries for decision-making and planning purposes.

You may exit the survey or leave a question unanswered at any time. There is minimal risk attached to your participation and any details about you and your work situation will be kept completely confidential. Any papers or conference presentations based on the collected data will contain only summary data without direct links to an individual survey response.

If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, (or you experience adverse effects as a result of participating in this study) you may contact Dr. Carol Tenopir (451 Communications Building, 1345 Circle Park Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996; 865-9747911; ctenopir@utk.edu). If you have questions about your rights as a participant, contact the Office of Research Compliance Officer at (865) 974-3466.

By continuing, you give permission to gather and analyze the answers you give to the questions that follow.

Section 1: Journal Article Reading

1. In the past month (30 days), approximately how many scholarly articles have you read? Articles can include those found in journal issues, websites, or separate copies such as preprints, reprints, and other electronic or paper copies. Reading is defined as going beyond the table of contents, title, and abstract to the body of the article.

Number of articles read (including skimmed) in the past month: If zero, please enter "0" **and skip question 19.**

The following questions in this section refer to the SCHOLARLY ARTICLE YOU READ MOST RECENTLY, even if you had previously read this article. Note that this last reading may not be typical, but will help us establish the range of reading patterns.

2. What is the approximate title of the journal or topic from which this last article was read or, if not from a journal, what is the topic of the article?

Journal title:

OR

General Topic of Article:

3. From where did you obtain this article you last read?
- ___ Personal subscription **Skip to question 19**
 - ___ Free Web journal **Skip to question 19**
 - ___ Preprint copy of the article **Skip to question 19**
 - ___ Copy of the article from a colleague, author, etc. **Skip to question 19**
 - ___ An author's website **Skip to question 19**
 - ___ Other website **Skip to question 19**
 - ___ From Drexel Libraries print or online periodicals collection
 - ___ From other Drexel Libraries print or online collection
 - ___ University of Pennsylvania Library
 - ___ School, department, etc. subscription
 - ___ Electronic reserves from the Drexel Libraries **Skip to question 5**
 - ___ From links in a library database **Skip to question 5**
 - ___ Another library via Interlibrary loan
 - ___ iDEA (Drexel e-repository and archives) or other Institutional Repository **Skip to question 5**
 - Other : _____
4. This source was:
- ___ Print
 - ___ Electronic
5. What year was the last article you read published / posted?
- _____
6. How did you become aware of the last article you read?
- ___ Found while browsing (without a specific objective in mind)
 - ___ Found while I was searching (i.e., by subject, author's name, etc.) **Skip to question 8**
 - ___ Found through citation in another publication. **Skip to question 8**
 - ___ Another person (e.g., a colleague) told me about it. **Skip to question 8**
 - ___ Via email or online alert. **Skip to question 8**
 - ___ Other (please specify) : _____
7. Approximately how much time did you spend **browsing** (in minutes)?
- _____
8. Approximately how much time did you (or someone on your behalf) spend **searching**? (In minutes)
- _____

9. As a result, how many articles did you read and /or plan to read?

10. After you identified this article, approximately how much time (in minutes) did you spend in each of the following activities (If no time was spent, please enter "0")?

___ Obtain, request, receive, or download and display the article:

___ Photocopy, scan, or print out the article:

___ Other:

Please specify the other activities:

11. About how much time (in minutes) did you spend reading this article?

12. If this article had not been available from the Drexel Libraries or other Drexel University source, from where would you have obtained the article / information? Please specify the source.

- ___ I would not bother getting the information. **Skip to question 14**
- ___ I would obtain the information from another source (e.g., colleague, purchase, interlibrary loan).

13. In order to obtain the same article / information, if a Drexel source (including interlibrary loan) was not available, I would expect to spend:(If no time or money, please enter "0")

In minutes _____

OR

In hours _____

14. For what purposes did you use, or do you plan to use, the information obtained from the last article you read? (**Choose all that apply**)

___ Research

___ Teaching

___ Administration

___ Current awareness / keeping up

___ Writing proposals, reports, articles, etc. (e.g., funding / grant proposals)

___ Consulting, advising others

___ Internal or external presentations (e.g., lecture for colleagues or conference paper)

___ Continuing education for self

Other (please specify): _____

15. Which purpose is the principal purpose?

16. How important is the information contained in this article to achieving your principal purpose?

- ___ Not at all important
- ___ Somewhat important
- ___ Important
- ___ Very important
- ___ Absolutely essential

17. In what ways did the reading of the article affect the principal purpose? (Choose all that apply)

- ___ It improved the result
- ___ It narrowed / broadened / changed the focus
- ___ It inspired new thinking / ideas
- ___ It resulted in collaboration / joint research
- ___ It resulted in faster completion
- ___ It added to my general knowledge
- ___ It saved time or other resources
- ___ No positive outcomes

Other : _____

18. Did you cite this article or do you plan to cite it in another publication (e.g., article, report, book, published proceeding)?

- ___ No
- ___ Maybe
- ___ Already did
- ___ Will in the future

Section 2: Book Reading

19. In the past month (30 days) approximately from how many books or parts of books did you read FOR WORK? Include reading from a portion of the book such as skimming or reading a chapter. Include classroom texts, scholarly or review books, etc. read in print or electronic format. If zero, please enter "0" and **skip to question 38**.

The following questions in this section refer to the BOOK FROM WHICH YOU READ MOST RECENTLY. Note that this last reading may not be typical, but will help us establish the range of reading patterns.

20. About how many occasions did you read from this book in the past month (30 days)?

21. What is the approximate title of the book or topic from which this last book was read?

Journal title:

OR

General Topic of Article:

22. From where did you obtain this book?

- ___ I bought it for myself. **Skip to question 37.**
- ___ A colleague, author or other person gave it to me. **Skip to question 37.**
- ___ A free or advanced copy from the publisher. **Skip to question 37.**
- ___ A Drexel Libraries collection (circulated / borrowed)
- ___ A Drexel Libraries collection (read in the library)
- ___ University of Pennsylvania Library
- ___ Library book delivery service
- ___ Interlibrary loan from an other library
- ___ Electronic reserves from the Drexel Libraries. **Skip to question 24.**
- ___ Other (please specify): _____

23. This source was:

- ___ Print
- ___ Electronic

24. How did you become aware of this book from which you last read?

- ___ Found while browsing (without a specific objective in mind).
- ___ Found while I was searching (i.e., by subject, author's name, etc.) **Skip to question 26.**
- ___ Found through citation in another publication. **Skip to question 27.**
- ___ Another person (e.g., a colleague) told me about it. **Skip to question 27.**
- ___ Promotional email or web advertisement. **Skip to question 27.**
- ___ Do not know / Do not remember. **Skip to question 27.**
- ___ Other (please specify): _____ **Skip to question 27.**

25. Approximately how much time (in minutes) did you spend browsing for this book?

26. Approximately how much time (in minutes) did you (or someone on your behalf) spend searching?

27. After you identified this book, approximately how much time (in minutes) did you spend in each of the following activities (If no time was spent, please enter "0")?

- ___ Actually obtaining the book (e.g., going to the library):
- ___ Photocopying or scanning from the book:
- ___ Displaying, downloading, printing from an electronic book

___ Other (please specify)

28. About how much total time did you spend reading this book in the past month (30 days)?

In minutes _____

OR

In hours _____

29. If this book was not available from the Drexel Libraries, from where would you obtain the book / information?

___ I would not bother getting the information. **Skip to question 32.**

___ I would obtain the information from another source

30. Please specify source here

31. In order to obtain the same book/information, if a Drexel source (including interlibrary loan) was not available, I would expect to spend: (If no time or money spent, please enter "0")

In minutes _____

OR

In dollars _____

32. For what purposes did you use, or do you plan to use, the information obtained from the last book you read? (**Choose all that apply**)

___ Research

___ Teaching

___ Administration

___ Current awareness / keeping up

___ Writing proposals, reports, articles, etc. (e.g., funding / grant proposals)

___ Consulting, advising others

___ Internal or external presentations (e.g., lecture for colleagues or conference paper)

___ Continuing education for self

Other (please specify): _____

33. Which purpose is the principal purpose?

34. How important is the information contained in this book to achieving your principal purpose?

- ___ Not at all important
- ___ Somewhat important
- ___ Important
- ___ Very important
- ___ Absolutely essential

35. In what ways did the reading the book affect the principal purpose? (Choose all that apply)

- ___ It improved the result
- ___ It narrowed / broadened / changed the focus
- ___ It inspired new thinking / ideas
- ___ It resulted in collaboration / joint research
- ___ It resulted in faster completion
- ___ It added to my general knowledge
- ___ It saved time or other resources
- ___ No positive outcomes

Other (Please specify) :

36. Did you cite this book or do you plan to cite it in another publication (e.g., article, report, book, published proceeding)?

- ___ No
- ___ Maybe
- ___ Already did
- ___ Will in the future
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Section 3: Reading of Publications Other than Scholarly Journals or Books

37. In the past month (30 days) approximately how many occasions have you read other publications for work? Include government documents, technical reports, conference proceedings, magazines, trade journals, etc. If zero, please enter "0" **and skip to question 51.**

The following questions in this section refer to the PUBLICATION YOU MOST RECENTLY READ. Note that this last reading may not be typical, but will help us establish the range of reading patterns.

38. What type of publication did you most recently read?

- ___ Conference proceeding
- ___ Government document or other technical report
- ___ Magazine / trade journal for work
- Other (please specify): _____

39. From where did you obtain this last publication?

- ___ I bought it for myself. **Skip to question 51.**

- ___ A colleague, author or other person gave it to me. **Skip to question 51.**
- ___ Online from a non-library source. **Skip to question 51.**
- ___ University of Pennsylvania Library
- ___ A Drexel Libraries collection (circulated / borrowed)
- ___ A Drexel Libraries collection (read in the library)
- ___ School or department collection
- ___ Another library via Interlibrary loan
- ___ Other (please specify): _____

40. This source was:

- ___ Print
- ___ Electronic

41. Approximately how much time (in minutes) did you spend **becoming aware** of this publication you most recently read (e.g., browsing, searching, etc.)? (If no time, please answer "0")

42. After you identified this publication, about how much time (in minutes) did you spend **obtaining it, photocopying, scanning, downloading or printing?** (If no time, please answer "0")

43. About how much time (in minutes) did you spend **reading** this publication you last read?

44. If this publication was not available from the Drexel Libraries, from where would you obtain it?

- ___ I would not bother getting the information. **Skip to question 46.**
- ___ I would obtain the information from another source
- ___ Other (please specify the other source): _____

45. In order to obtain the same information, if it were not available from the Drexel Libraries, I would expect to spend: (If no time or money spent, please enter "0")

In minutes _____

OR

In dollars _____

46. For what purposes did you use, or do you plan to use, the information obtained from the last publication you read? (**Choose all that apply**)

- ___ Research
- ___ Teaching
- ___ Administration
- ___ Current awareness / keeping up
- ___ Writing proposals, reports, articles, etc. (e.g., funding / grant proposals)
- ___ Consulting, advising others

- ___ Internal or external presentations (e.g., lecture or conference paper)
- ___ Continuing education for self
- Other (please specify) _____

47. What purpose is the principal purpose?

48. How important is the information contained in this publication to achieving your principal purpose?

- ___ Not at all important
- ___ Somewhat important
- ___ Important
- ___ Very important
- ___ Absolutely essential

49. In what ways did the reading of the publication affect the principal purpose? (Choose all that apply)

- ___ It improved the result
- ___ It narrowed / broadened / changed the focus
- ___ It inspired new thinking / ideas
- ___ It resulted in collaboration / joint research
- ___ It resulted in faster completion
- ___ It added to my general knowledge
- ___ It saved time or other resources
- ___ No positive outcomes
- Other (Please specify): _____

50. Did you cite this publication or plan to cite it in another publication (e.g., article, report, book, published proceeding)?

- ___ No
- ___ Maybe
- ___ Already did
- ___ Will in the future

Demographics

This section is about you. The purpose of collecting this information is to give us the opportunity to search for additional meaningful patterns in the collected data. You are almost finished!

51. Please indicate your principal school or college:

- ___ College of Arts and Sciences

- ___ School of Biomedical Engineering
- ___ Bennett S. LeBow College of Business
- ___ School of Education - Goodwin College
- ___ College of Engineering
- ___ Drexel University College of Medicine
- ___ College of Nursing and Health Professionals
- ___ School of Public Health
- ___ The iSchool at Drexel
- ___ Earle Mack School of Law
- ___ Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts and Design
- ___ School of Technology and Professional Studies - Goodwin College
- Other : _____

52. What is your position?

- ___ Professor
- ___ Associate professor
- ___ Assistant professor
- ___ Lecturer
- ___ Teaching or clinical faculty
- ___ Adjunct faculty
- ___ Administrator (e.g. President, VP, Dean, Director)
- ___ Associate or Assistant Director, VP, or Provost
- ___ Coach
- Other (please specify) : _____

53. In the past two years, how many of the following have you published? (If the answer is none, please enter "0" instead of leaving a blank.)

- ___ Articles in refereed / scholarly journals
- ___ Non-refereed articles
- ___ Scholarly books
- ___ Chapters in scholarly books, proceedings, etc.
- ___ Creative works (e.g., exhibit of paintings, video, costumes)
- ___ Other _____

54. In the past two years, have you received any awards or special recognition for your research, teaching or other professional- related contributions?

- ___ Yes
- ___ No. **Skip to question 56.**

55. Briefly describe your awards or recognition:

56. About how much time (in minutes) did you spend responding to this survey?

57. Please indicate any comments you might have concerning the Drexel Libraries resources, services, staff or this survey.

THANK YOU! Copies of the final report of this study will be announced and made available through the Libraries later this year.