

# Drexel Student 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.

The survey will take approximately ten minutes to complete.

You are not required to complete the survey; however, your participation is important to the research results. This study will receive international attention and hopefully will reflect favorably on Drexel.

You may exit the survey or leave a question unanswered at any time. There is minimal risk attached to your participation. Any details about you, your work situation, and your organization 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 the primary researcher, Dr. Carol Tenopir (451 Communications Building, 1345 Circle Park Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996; (865) 974-7911; 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 proceeding, 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 16.**

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*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:

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OR

General Topic of Article:

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3. From where did you obtain this article you last read?
- \_\_\_ Personal subscription **Skip to question 16**
  - \_\_\_ Free Web journal **Skip to question 16**
  - \_\_\_ Preprint copy of the article **Skip to question 16**
  - \_\_\_ Copy of the article from a colleague, author, etc. **Skip to question 16**
  - \_\_\_ An author's website **Skip to question 16**
  - \_\_\_ Other website **Skip to question 16**
  - \_\_\_ 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., an instructor) 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)?
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Answer and then skip to question 9.**
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?

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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:

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

12. 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**)

\_\_\_ This article was required reading in a course.

\_\_\_ It was to complete an assignment, but not required

\_\_\_ I read it to keep up with the literature

\_\_\_ It was of personal interest

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

13. Which was the principal purpose?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. 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

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

\_\_\_ It narrowed / broadened / changed the focus

\_\_\_ It inspired new thinking / ideas

\_\_\_ It added to my general knowledge

\_\_\_ It helped better understand the topic

\_\_\_ No positive outcomes

Other : \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2: Book Reading

16. In the past week (7 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 30**.
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*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.*

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

Book title:

\_\_\_\_\_

OR

General Topic of Article:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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19. From where did you obtain this book?

- \_\_\_ I bought it for myself. **Skip to question 30.**
- \_\_\_ A non-Drexel website **Skip to question 30.**
- \_\_\_ Someone other than your instructor/teacher **Skip to question 30.**
- \_\_\_ From Drexel Libraries print or online collection
- \_\_\_ University of Pennsylvania Library
- \_\_\_ Electronic reserves from the Drexel Libraries. **Skip to question 21.**
- \_\_\_ From links in a library database. **Skip to question 21.**
- \_\_\_ Another library via interlibrary loan
- \_\_\_ iDEA (Drexel e-repository and archives) or other Institutional Repository **Skip to question 21.**
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

20. This source was:

- \_\_\_ Print
- \_\_\_ Electronic

21. 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 23.**

- \_\_\_ Found through citation in another publication. **Skip to question 24.**
- \_\_\_ Another person (e.g., a colleague) told me about it. **Skip to question 24.**
- \_\_\_ Promotional email or web advertisement. **Skip to question 24.**
- \_\_\_ Do not know / Do not remember. **Skip to question 24.**
- \_\_\_ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ . **Skip to question 24.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

24. 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)

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

In minutes \_\_\_\_\_

OR

In hours \_\_\_\_\_

26. 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**)

- \_\_\_ This book was required reading in a course
- \_\_\_ It was to complete an assignment, but not required
- \_\_\_ I read it to keep up with the literature
- \_\_\_ It was of personal interest

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

27. Which purpose is the principal purpose?

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

28. 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

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

It narrowed / broadened / changed my perspective on the topic

It inspired new thinking / ideas

It added to my general knowledge

It saved time or other resources

It helped better understand the topic

Other (Please specify) :

### *Section 3: Reading of Publications Other than Scholarly Journals or Books*

30. In the past month (30 days) approximately how many occasions have you read other publications (e.g., government reports, conference proceedings, magazines). If zero, please enter "0" **and skip to question 41.**

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*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.*

31. 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): \_\_\_\_\_

32. From where did you obtain this last publication?

I bought it for myself. **Skip to question 41.**

A person other than instructor/teacher gave it to me. **Skip to question 41.**

Online from a non-library source. **Skip to question 41.**

University of Pennsylvania Library

A Drexel Libraries collection (circulated / borrowed)

A Drexel Libraries collection (read in the library)

Instructor/teacher gave it to me

School or department collection

Another library via Interlibrary loan

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

33. This source was:

Print

Electronic

34. 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")

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35. 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")

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

37. 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**)

This publication was required reading in a course

It was to complete an assignment, but not required

I read it to keep up with the literature

It was of personal interest

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

38. What purpose is the principal purpose?

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\_\_\_\_\_

39. 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

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

It narrowed / broadened / changed my perspective on the topic

It inspired new thinking / ideas

It added to my general knowledge

It helped better understand the topic

Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## 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!*

41. 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 : \_\_\_\_\_

42. What is your academic status?

- \_\_\_ Freshman
- \_\_\_ Sophomore
- \_\_\_ Junior
- \_\_\_ Senior
- \_\_\_ Master's student
- \_\_\_ PhD student

43. What is your major? \_\_\_\_\_

44. What is your GPA (grade point average)?

45. Are you a full-time or part-time student?

- \_\_\_ Full-time
- \_\_\_ Part-time

46. If part-time, about what proportion?

- \_\_\_ 1-25%
- \_\_\_ 26-50%
- \_\_\_ 51-75%
- \_\_\_ 76-99%



47. About how many hours do you spend in a typical week?

\_\_\_\_ In class

\_\_\_\_ Studying in the library

\_\_\_\_ Studying elsewhere

\_\_\_\_ In other university activities (attending a scheduled event, recreational activities, athletic events, volunteer activities, etc.)

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

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

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