

Appendix A: Report on 2016 Survey Regarding Library Resources

Faculty/Graduate Student Survey Regarding Library Resources

Preamble

UNB is facing a significant shortfall with respect to library acquisitions funding, in significant measure due to the weak Canadian dollar. Please see our FAQ at <http://www.lib.unb.ca/collections/costFAQ.php> for more information on the situation.

As most of our money pays for ongoing subscriptions – to databases, journal packages and individual journal titles, reference resources, streaming video and so on – we must consider which of these resources can be cut while inflicting the least possible damage to research and teaching. Several measures are used to evaluate our subscriptions prior to renewal, including but not limited to, cost inflation, usage statistics, current and ongoing course offerings, faculty research, and so on. We also take into consideration information gleaned from faculty, either directly or through their departmental library representatives, to anticipate ongoing requirements.

Since cuts to library resources are unavoidable in the current economic climate, and because any cuts we make will affect research and teaching, we are actively seeking input, from faculty and graduate students in particular, to help inform our decisions. We are hoping for feedback from across the university and we therefore encourage you to take a few minutes to complete this survey.

The deadline for response is April 1, 2016. Once the survey is closed, we will compile the responses and share them with the community. The plan is to come up with an expenditure reduction strategy by April 30, in time for the new fiscal year and the renewal season that begins in May.

Please contact your liaison librarian if you have questions with regard to this survey. Thank you for your cooperation.

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- 1. Please identify yourself (so that we can follow up with you as needed).**
Name:
Position:
Department or Faculty:
 - 2. What library tools (e.g. indexes, databases) do you use to stay aware of new research in your field and to develop your courses?** You may wish to refer to our subject guides <http://lib.unb.ca/guides/> which list resources by discipline.
 - 3. Which journal titles are most important to you for your research? Name as many as necessary.**
 - 4. Which journal titles are most important for your teaching, if different from #3?**
 - 5. How important are books to your discipline (as compared to other library resources)? Given comparable pricing, do you have a preference for print or electronic books?**
 - 6. What other library resources (e.g. data sources, streaming video) are key to your work? If you know the name of a resource you regularly use (e.g. Statistics Canada Datasets, Films on Demand, Mango Languages), please be specific.** Again you may wish to refer to our subject guides <http://lib.unb.ca/guides/> which list resources by discipline.
 - 7. Please comment on the resource needs of your undergraduate students.**
 - 8. Please comment on the resource needs of your graduate students, if applicable.**
 - 9. Other comments.**