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Against the Grain Annual Report Survey

Dear Against the Grain Reader:

ATG is conducting a survey to gather information about librarians' concerns for our first Annual Report Issue, to be published in February, 1997. In order for this project to be successful, we need your help. Please complete and mail back your survey to: Lowcountry Target Mailing Service, 3430 Buffalo Ave Ste H, Charleston, SC 29418-9904 as soon as possible, but no later than November 30, 1996. If you prefer working electronically, please visit the ATG homepage at <http://www.against-the-grain.com>. Thank you very much.

Sincerely
Katina Strauch
Editor

1) What functions has your library been outsourcing?
   [ ] cataloging [ ] approval plan [ ] acquisitions
   [ ] other: please specify ________

2) Has your library been downsized in the past two years?
   [ ] yes [ ] no If yes, please supply some specifics:
   [ ] professional staff decrease
   [ ] paraprofessional staff decrease
   [ ] teams implementation
   [ ] merge with cataloging
   [ ] other: please specify ________

3) What have the effects been? Tell us in a few sentences.
   [ ] positive [ ] negative
   [ ] other

4) Has your materials budget [ ] increased [ ] decreased?

5) Has your materials budget for books [ ] increased
   [ ] decreased?
   ______ approximate percentage

6) Has your materials budget for journals [ ] increased
   [ ] decreased?
   ______ approximate percentage

7) Has your materials budget for electronic resources
   [ ] increased [ ] decreased?
   ______ approximate percentage

8) Does your library use a subscription agency? [ ] yes [ ] no

9) Have you switched subscription agencies within the past five
   years? [ ] yes [ ] no

10) What percentage of your total materials budget this year (1996/97) is going to
    books ______ journals ______ electronic serials ______
    online resources (gateways) ______ cd-roms ______
    other (please specify) ______

11) Are you concerned with copyright as it affects the publishing
    industry? [ ] yes [ ] no

11a) Please elaborate on your answer to 11 above.

12) Do you have a homepage? [ ] yes [ ] no

12a) What is your homepage address?

13) How have you incorporated the Internet into your acquisitions
    service?

13a) How have you incorporated the Internet into your collection
    development service?

13b) How have you incorporated the Internet into your reference
    service?

13c) Is the Internet making a difference in how you do collection
    development? [ ] yes [ ] no
    How?

14) Does your library use commercial document delivery to meet
    ILLs? [ ] yes [ ] no
    Please specify percentage of total operating budget or actual
    dollars budgeted to document delivery ______.

15) Please rate your library’s document delivery operation on the
    continuum below.
    very effective __________________________ not very effective

16) Do you use ILLs as a concrete factor in collection purchasing
    decisions, i.e., do you purchase books and journals based on ILL
    statistics? [ ] yes [ ] no

17) Does your library provide training for your Library Technical
    Assistants? [ ] yes [ ] no

17a) What type?
    [ ] inhouse classes by existing staff
    [ ] continuing education inhouse
    (with experts from outside the library)
    [ ] satellite transmissions
    [ ] fund travel to conferences, workshops, etc.
    [ ] fund credit courses
    [ ] other (please specify) ______

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18) How are you dealing with more resources and more demands?
[ ] absorbing the work into current workflow
[ ] provide essential services only
[ ] teach end user to do research on his/her own
[ ] send user to another library
[ ] other (please specify)

19) Have you implemented paperback only approval plans, i.e. do you get paperbacks on approval instead of hardcover?
[ ] yes [ ] no [ ] do not have approval plan

20) Have you implemented paperback only for firm orders?
[ ] yes [ ] no

21) Have you canceled paper subscriptions in favor of electronic subscriptions to journals?
[ ] yes [ ] no

22) If your answer to 21 above is yes, how are you dealing with the issue of archiving the information?
[ ] some other library will worry about this
[ ] we will keep electronic information in whatever format we acquire it
[ ] we are keeping paper for the present
[ ] other (please specify)

23) Are you charging patrons for printing resources off the Internet or the World Wide Web?
[ ] yes [ ] no [ ] allow downloading to floppy disc.

24) Do you have workstations in your work area?
[ ] yes [ ] no
If yes, please describe

25) Does your institution offer distance education?
[ ] yes [ ] no

26) Is your library merged with your computer center?
[ ] yes [ ] no

27) What type of librarian are you? (check all that apply)
[ ] special
[ ] public
[ ] academic

28) What library publications do you read?
[ ] Against the Grain
[ ] Library Journal
[ ] Choice
[ ] Special Libraries
[ ] Library Acquisitions: Practice and Theory
[ ] C&RL
[ ] Information Technology in Libraries
[ ] Internet World
[ ] Publishers Weekly
[ ] Wired
[ ] Other

29) How many years have you been a librarian?

30) What are the top five things that you are most concerned about in our industry as we approach the 21st century?

31) What do you envision the future of the library in the 21st century?

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