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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) _____

- 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, ie, 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
- 25a) Does the library support distance education? yes no
 Please elaborate _____
- 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

- government
 reference
 technical services

- 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 as the future of the library in the 21st century?

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