Question of the Week: Past Results

See the Libraries Homepage for a link to the current Question of the Week. Older results can be found here.

Have you participated in any Library trial for a new resource? (January 7, 2010)

Have you ever participated in a Library trial of a potential new database?

- No, I don't have time (FS) 6%
- Yes, a few times (FS) 17%
- Yes, a few times (Student) 11%
- No, I never noticed them (FS) 17%
- No, I never noticed them (Student) 40%

Comments:

not interested in learning how to use a new database if it might not be available permanently
I hate using the databases anyways. They are useless. Books are much better!

How do you access Library content? (December 1, 2009)
How do you Access Library Content?

- 71.9% for Laptop / Netbook
- 63.1% for Desktop
- 6.3% for iPhone or Other Mobile Phone

When do you ask a Librarian for Help? (November 17, 2009)

- 64% if I get frustrated
- 18% after a quick search
- 6% immediately
- 6% the night before the deadline
- 0% never

Comments:

I ask if I am hitting a wall & have a specific question
Electronic Books (November 3, 2009)

Have you used e-books?
Which do you prefer: print or e-book?

Have used, Prefer
E-Book
8%

Haven't used,
Prefer Print
38%

Have used, No Preference
21%

Have used, Prefer
Print
33%

Comments:

Advantages of Electronic Books

available anywhere and portability. Not as bulky as in print books

available everywhere

can get access anywhere

Computer is closer than the next bookstore.

Convenience.

ease of access. tools like the ipod touch, Pocket PC, and Kindle are very compact and can hold a massive amount of information.

Disadvantages of Electronic Books

A book is a work of art to me. I love the feel and the smell and the weight of them in my hands. Reading is an experience that includes the physicality of a book; this is lost with ebooks.

At least with PDFs, no easy way to annotate. I like writing in the margins, highlighting, etc. Also, e-books require electricity.

can’t read anywhere, restrictions on printing

Difficult to search, difficult to view full screen--too many small frames, and difficult to print

eye strain

If digitally protected, very hard to access, hard to print, not mobile
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<th>E-Books are much lighter than real ones.</th>
<th>initial limited selection of titles</th>
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<td>If PDF, ease of access, portability</td>
<td>less portable</td>
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<td>Multiple people can view it in their own homes even if it is &quot;owned&quot; by the library.</td>
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<td>They are much more accessible. I can carry as many e-books around with me as I want, through either a laptop or an e-reader. I can only bring the number of books I can comfortably carry with print books. I can also access a book at the touch of a button without having to wait until the library is open or it is shipped from somewhere.</td>
<td>sometimes hard to read; lack of portability (my mobile phone is just a phone)</td>
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<td>They are paperless and that makes them green. Also they can be accessed from home.</td>
<td>The biggest disadvantage is access. There are already are not enough computers in the library what would happen if everyone needing a book were on them to?</td>
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<td>the lack of their availability!</td>
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<td>there will always be more actual printed books then there will be ebooks due to the history of the book.</td>
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<td>They don’t have the smell, the feel or the look of a good old fashioned book.</td>
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<td>You can’t hold it in your hand the same way (even with the new electronics).</td>
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<td>You sit at the computer a huge amount of time which has an influence on your eyes and your health afterward.</td>
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What's your favorite scary author/book/movie? (October 23, 2009)

Last week we asked about your favorite scary authors, books, and movies... here are the results. Relative size indicates how popular a particular author was. All clouds generated by Wordle.net.
Have you used the new LibGuides yet? (October 16, 2009)
Have you used a LibGuide before?

- Huh? Never heard of them (36%)
- Yes, for class (43%)
- No (14%)
- Yes, for other purpose (7%)

**Comic Books / Graphic Novels / Manga (October 2, 2009)**

Last week we asked how often you read comic book, graphic novels, or manga:

**How often do you read comic books / graphic novels / manga?**

- Often (33%)
- Never (25%)
- Maybe once (4%)
- Sometimes (38%)

Comments:

- graphic novels yes, manga no
- graphic novels rule
- Manga/Anime is for weirdos! (from someone who answered 'never')

**Banned Books Week Quiz (September 25, 2009)**

How did you do on the Banned Books Week Quiz?

1. Which author has appeared most often on the Frequently Challenged Authors list in the last 8 years?

Answer: Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, author of the Alice series of books, has appeared on the list every year
except 2007. Robert Cormier has appeared 6 times, Toni Morrison 3 times, and Judy Blume 5 times.

2. Which book hasn't made the list of Most Frequently Challenged Books in the last five years?
Answer: the Harry Potter series by J. K. Rowling last made the top 10 list in 2003.

3. What is the most common reason that books are challenged?
Answer: Sexual Explicitness (23% of cases).

Overall performance:
Most respondents would've done better by randomly selecting an answer! No respondent got all 3 questions correct:

Percentage Correct

![Bar chart showing percentage correct for each question](chart.png)
Which of the Top 10 Challenged books of 2008 have you read? (September 18, 2009)

Which of these books, challenged in 2008, have you read?
Do you use a laptop in the Library? (September 9, 2009)

![Pie chart showing laptop use in the Library]

- Neither Own or Library: 14%
- Library's Laptop: 16%
- Own Laptop: 49%
- Both Own & Library: 21%

Comments have been passed on to the appropriate staff in Information Technology.

Where do you get your textbooks? (August 31, 2009)

![Bar chart showing textbook acquisition sources]

- Library: 30%
- New, On Campus: 40%
- Used, On Campus: 30%
- New, Off Campus: 15%
- Used, Off Campus: 5%
- Borrow from Friend: 10%
- Other: 15%
Of those that bought their books online, 74% mentioned Amazon.com, 42% mentioned Half.com. Other online sites mentioned include: eBay, Chegg, PhatCampus, CheapestTextbooks, AbeBooks, Froogle, and Buy.com.

Comments included:

- Books in the bookstore are ridiculously priced.
- Bookstore is too expensive
- So much cheaper online!
- I like to buy used books.
- I buy my books wherever they are cheapest. It already costs enough to be a student with fees and tuition hikes, I can’t afford to waste any valuable money.

**Have you ever borrowed a textbook through OhioLINK? (August 21, 2009)**

![Bar Chart]

Even older Questions of the Week responses can be found here.