

2003 OBS-SIS Membership Survey Results

Time Period: 1/7/03 – 1/31/03

Total Responses: 50

OBS-SIS Members: 315

Orlando Programs	Attended Yes	Attended No	Very Relevant	Moderately Relevant	Not Relevant
How to Avoid 'Search Reopened' and Hire the Right Technical Services Candidate the First Time Around (TS-SIS co-sponsor)	13	32	9	6	2
The Catalog vs. the Homepage? Best Practices in Connecting to Online Resources	29	20	20	6	0
Rule Maker or Rule Breaker: A Reference Librarian's Guide to Better Cataloging	19	25	15	5	1
Seattle Programs	Would Attend Yes	Would Attend No	Very Relevant	Moderately Relevant	Not Relevant
Connected to the Future: OCLC's Connexion	37	10	29	9	3
Envisioning Tomorrow's Catalog: A View From Outside the Library	44	2	31	14	0
Open Linking and E-Journal Management: Strategies for Maximizing Your Investment in Electronic Resources Today	38	8	28	14	1
Two Stepping With Technology	42	6	31	12	2
Boston Program Ideas	Would Attend Yes	Would Attend No	Very Relevant	Moderately Relevant	Not Relevant
Update on implementation of integrating resource application for bibliographic utilities and local systems	41	9	35	7	1
Connecting superseded materials with our OPACs	37	12	18	19	4
Reclassification projects: management, workflow, staffing	29	17	20	13	7
Systems/ILS issues to consider when redesigning/renovating workspaces.	25	19	8	17	9
Planning for Digitizing projects-the who, what, where, when and how	20	19	11	10	13

Standards-what do EDI, BISAC, SISAC, standard numbering systems like ISBN, SICI, SAN mean, how are they developed, what do they mean for your ILS	26	12	14	15	8
Leadership in technical services: librarians who have experimented with new systems and products	33	9	19	18	9
Managing knowledge assets with tools like JAKE, SFX Serials Solutions, Innovative's MAP	28	15	20	8	8
Low cost solutions for online catalogs-a survey of the market	15	29	5	12	18
Is the end of MARC near? Is XML the successor?	41	4	25	20	0
Usability testing for OPAC design	32	11	14	23	4
How to stay current on the technological front. Survey of issues and resources for study	32	17	16	21	3
Technology training-how to get your staff up to speed. Methods and techniques.	36	10	23	16	5

USE OF WEDNESDAYS FOR MEETINGS	YES	NO			
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Do you attend the "types of library" (ALL, PLL, SCCLL) meetings at the AALL Annual Meeting?	21	25			
Do you feel scheduling meetings on Wednesday is a reasonable way to manage OBS/TS meeting conflicts?	37	7			

OBS SIS ACTIVITIES	Very Relevant	Moderately Relevant	Not Relevant		
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OBS-SIS sponsored educational programs at AALL annual meeting	39	5	0		
Technical Services Law Librarian (quarterly newsletter)	41	2	0		
OBS-SIS co-sponsored AALL Official Representative to MARBI Committee	32	11	1		
OBS-SIS Website	20	22	2		
OBS-SIS Electronic list	22	22	0		
OBS-SIS Brochure	4	26	15		
Law Library Local Systems Directory	5	30	8		
Promotional Giveaways	0	19	24		
Paperback Exchange at Activities Table	0	26	21		
OBS/TS Joint Research Grant	18	18	5		
Joint Reception at AALL Annual Meeting	27	12	4		

TSLL	Very Relevant	Moderately Relevant	Not Relevant
Acquisitions	17	20	4
Classification	34	7	1
Collection Development	16	7	1
Description and Entry	33	8	1
The Internet	29	13	0
MARC Remarks	32	9	0
Management Issues (formerly Miss Manager)	23	18	1
OCLC	29	9	4
Preservation	7	30	5
Research and Publication	8	24	10
RLIN	13	4	25
Serials Issues	26	16	0
Subject Headings	31	10	1

COMMENTS

What do you like about the OBS-SIS Website?

- ✓ Attractive, clear, easy to navigate
- ✓ All of it! Great organization, especially the Quick Links and Sidebar. The Local Systems page links re very helpful.
- ✓ attractive, clear, easy to navigate
- ✓ The lay-out is clear, precise, easy to use;
- ✓ easy to get around
- ✓ Like the current look : clean and uncluttered.
- ✓ Very attractive, easy to navigate. It gives a good idea of what the SIS is about.
- ✓ I like the useful content.
- ✓ Well-organized and professional in appearance. The information is timely and the various links are grouped in the correct categories for easy access.
- ✓ I wish Anne Myers would marry me
- ✓ Clean design, easy to find things
- ✓ I rarely visit
- ✓ "Committee" page and links on the individual committee pages, e.g. "Local Systems Committee."
- ✓ The redesign is very nice--thanks for doing it! I like that there are now links to past program websites and material available from the OBS website. WEBSITECHANGE: Nothing at present. Perhaps all that's needed is more PR to alert the members as to the good stuff that is at the website. This could be done through posts to the e-list.
- ✓ A-Z index and the quick search
- ✓ Currency and good organization
- ✓ Very well organized -- looks neat and uncluttered. Quick Links and A-Z Index are good features.
- ✓ Members list; access to strategic plan; web site of the month
- ✓ I don't use it so I can't comment.
- ✓ Well designed, easy to use and full of good information. WEBSITECHANGE: It would be nice to get all of the OBS sponsored programs' slide shows and handouts up on the site, but otherwise I think the site is in good shape.
- ✓ The color and design is very nice. Easy to navigate.
- ✓ Its clean design and ease of navigating

AALL Annual Meeting Program Suggestions

- ✓ HTML essentials for the Technical Services Librarian.
- ✓ A program on FRBR would be good, perhaps co-sponsored with TS-SIS. As this concept develops, it will be important for OBS members to stay on top of those developments and the effects they will have on the bib utilities and local systems. Depending upon the state of OCLC's Connexion, another program on that may be needed. I can't think of any other additional ones. You have a lot of good topics listed above.
- ✓ 2nd and 3rd generation integrated library systems -- have we realized the anticipated gain following system migration
- ✓ Survey of the marketplace of small opac systems. Have a program of librarians who are using the non III, ExLibris, Sirsi systems.

What can OBS do better?

- ✓ More on linking electronic resources, digitizing projects and funding availability
- ✓ It would be helpful to receive information and notices by email.
- ✓ Please consider this an overall response to your survey -- As a one-professional, small firm law library, our library needs re OBS are very basic and limited. I am interested in a passing way in keeping up with developments but not to the level your Section addresses. I use OBS for basic information only. Thanks... Maybe what I would like to see is OBS in 60 minutes for nonspecialist!!! Thanks
- ✓ Send a message to the OBS-SIS listserv to inform members regarding the programs that were submitted for the Annual Conference.
- ✓ OBS is the best!
- ✓ It would be nice to have on the OBS website a list of what libraries have which ILS and which online services. Project for the Local Systems Committee?
- ✓ OBS is doing a good job. The only thing that could perhaps be improved upon is that there could more communication with the membership through the e-list throughout the year. There tends to be a flurry in the spring because of the election and the upcoming conference. But there should be more frequent and consistent communication in the fall and winter also, in my opinion. And some of the communication should focus on the OBS strategic plan--what has already been done and what is still to be done.

TSLL Column Ideas/Suggestions

- ✓ I miss miss manager.
- ✓ Like the reviews of AALL programs.
- ✓ Who has gotten what new system
- ✓ All Richard Amelung all the time
- ✓ I think it would be useful to have a column that cites and summarizes relevant management articles from library and non-library specific sources
- ✓ Revisiting T.S. departments use of electronic technology (should probably concentrate on specific tasks in order to fit the size requirements)
- ✓ Advances in Technical Services