

OBS Survey Responses 2006

Did you attend the 2005 Annual Meeting in San Antonio?

Yes 47 no 22

Do you plan to attend the 2006 Annual Meeting in St. Louis?

Yes 57 no 12

In the following list, please check each responsibility that accounts for a significant portion of your time at work (at least 10%).

Acquisitions	25
Administration	40
Cataloging	54
Circulation	2
Collection Development	23
Government Documents	11
ILS Management	28
Interlibrary Loan	5
IT (general)	8
Knowledge Management	5
Preservation	8
Reference	20
Serials	33
Teaching	6
Web Management	10

Please check the category that represents the number of years you have worked in a law library:

0-1	2
1-5	9
5-10	9
10-15	7
15-20	13
20 or more	31

Please check the category that best describes your employer or status:

student	0
law firm library	2
other private law library	4
law school library	59
county or state law library	4
court library	2
unemployed	0
other	0

San Antonio 2005. Please give us feedback on these OBS sponsored programs and discussion groups:

Roy Tennant Plenary Session: Building Libraries Our Users Deserve

attended?	Yes 31	no 28	
very relevant	28	moderately relevant 9	not relevant 1

Roy Tennant on the Top Trends in Library Systems

attended?	Yes 34	no 25	
very relevant	27	moderately relevant 14	not relevant 1

Nabbing vs. Sharing: Z39.50 and the Ethics of Directly Importing MARC Records

attended?	Yes 32	no 27	
very relevant	26	moderately relevant 13	not relevant 4

The ABC's of TOCs: Enhancing Your OPAC with Tables of Contents

attended?	Yes 28	no 33	
very relevant	21	moderately relevant 16	not relevant 0

Federated Searching and Open URL

attended?	Yes 20	no 40	
very relevant	23	moderately relevant 6	not relevant 1

Local Systems Committee Open Discussion

attended? Yes 9 no 52
very relevant 14 moderately relevant 8 not relevant 1

OCLC/WLN Committee Open Discussion

attended? Yes 13 no 46
very relevant 17 moderately relevant 4 not relevant 4

RLIN Committee Open Discussion

attended? Yes 2 no 57
very relevant 5 moderately relevant 3 not relevant 10

St. Louis 2006. Please give us feedback on these OBS sponsored programs:

“Give Me One Box to Access our Electronic Resources”: The Pioneering Google Search Appliance Beta Test

would attend? Yes 62 no 6
very relevant 43 moderately relevant 18 not relevant 0

Technology Scouts: How to Keep Your Library and ILS Current in the IT World

would attend? Yes 51 no 17
very relevant 37 moderately relevant 17 not relevant 4

Electronic Serials Cataloging Workshop (Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program)

would attend? Yes 27 no 40
very relevant 32 moderately relevant 15 not relevant 2

New Orleans 2007. Please indicate your interest in these potential program topics:

Open Source ILS software (eg. KOHA)

would attend? Yes 41 no 26

very relevant 14 moderately relevant 29 not relevant 9

Voice recognition software

would attend? Yes 19 no 48

very relevant 3 moderately relevant 23 not relevant 20

Workshop on MARC holdings now that OCLC is putting them to use

would attend? Yes 50 no 17

very relevant 37 moderately relevant 15 not relevant 1

Survey of how we provide access to e-resources: are we content yet?

would attend? Yes 63 no 3

very relevant 46 moderately relevant 11 not relevant 0

Non-traditional metadata databases

would attend? Yes 55 no 15

very relevant 11 moderately relevant 41 not relevant 1

Standards for archival collection metadata

would attend? Yes 36 no 30

very relevant 9 moderately relevant 31 not relevant 6

Digitizing projects: who, what, where, when and how?

would attend? Yes 49 no 19

very relevant 10 moderately relevant 38 not relevant 5

Institutional repositories

would attend? Yes 35 no 31

very relevant 12 moderately relevant 25 not relevant 9

Report: "Rethinking How we Provide Bibliographic Services for the University of California"

would attend? Yes 40 no 26

very relevant 21 moderately relevant 19 not relevant 10

Here is where you get to complain, recommend or comment on OBS past or future programs and discussion groups. Let us know if there are there other discussion groups we should start. Don't be shy.

If there isn't going to be a "Basic cataloging institute" offered as a traveling roadshow in various parts of the country, it has to be offered at AALL annual at least every 3 years.

The programs and discussions I have attended in the past two conferences have been good. A picky request: everyone seems to already know each other and they don't introduce themselves at the programs. That would help a relatively new person like me. Could people please introduce themselves before a meeting, and possibly say where they are from or what kind of library they represent? thanks!

The Educ. Comm. Does a great job.

Just try to keep the OBS programs in a different time slot from the TS programs. I like to attend both but usually have to choose one or the other.

Please continue to cover trends in the ILS world as well as ways libraries are "getting around" some problems that our ILS's are unwilling or unable to address.

I have high hopes for the "technology scouts" program. How about a similar program on general books or international books vendors for next year?

The OCLC updates are always valuable, even if they sometimes become complaint sessions. Many of us either don't have easy access to our network training sessions, or don't have them at all, so the sessions at the convention help with what's up lately. Does OBS plan on some counter

Can't think of anything. My general impression is of relevant, interesting programs.

I am a very experienced cataloger and manager and most programs, even though they are billed as intermediate or advanced, they are usually too basic. I want nitty gritty programs on how to apply technology, training and management skills and such. Many programs offered lately are

just not relevant to my work. As an example, I'm not involved in archival collections, so I wouldn't be interested in that program. I would like programs on motivating senior staff, thinking outside the box and managing peers.

We will never be part of OCLC, but would like to organize materials in the best way. Beginners/refresehrs.

The programs are good

The ideas for 2007 sound wonderful and it's great to have them ready to go now, rather than scrambling this summer.

Kudos to OBS for the excellent programs that it is presenting.

I like 2006 programs which is more focused on e

OBS has stretched over the years as the model for bibliographic info delivery has changed. OBS is more important than ever as we figure out how to take advantage of enhanced ILS that stretch way beyond an electronic copy of the card catalog. In fact, the library systems are only a small part of the information portal systems available on many campuses. OBS programs should stay focused on these technological trends.

This is probably just me. I'd like to learn how to run useful reports and statistics on acquisitions and funds in III. Maybe a program on the acquisitions modules of all LMSs?

First, I'd like to appologize for being unable to attend AALL for a while. I've been focusing more on CALL these days. Programs looked great for 2005 and 2007, but appear a tad weak re: 2006.

One thing I'm starting to think about more is how acquisitions fits into the big picture. Maybe a program dealing with that would be interesting?

I think we tend to discuss and propose the same topics frequently. OPAC content issues, system trends, google. The intstitutional repository program and the report on the UC "Rethinking" report are good examples of thinking outside the box.

OBS SIS Activities and Products: please rate

**OBS programs at AALL
annual meeting**

worthwhile 61

OK 7

not worth my time 0

OBS committee discussions at AALL annual meeting	worthwhile	43	OK	18	not worth my time	3
Technical Services Law Librarian (newsletter)	worthwhile	64	OK	4	not worth my time	1
OBS-SIS Website	worthwhile	44	OK	22	not worth my time	1
OBS-SIS Electronic List	worthwhile	42	OK	25	not worth my time	1
OBS/TS Joint Research Grant	worthwhile	26	OK	29	not worth my time	10
Joint Reception at AALL Annual Meeting	worthwhile	30	OK	35	not worth my time	2
Activities Table including Paperback Exchange	worthwhile	23	OK	36	not worth my time	7
MARBI Representative	worthwhile	44	OK	15	not worth my time	6

OBS-SIS Website

What do you like about the OBS Website?

nicey organized w/o a lot of graphics or fancy design

Everything about the site

Nicely laid out and easy to navigate, as I would expect from this SIS!

Sad to say, I have not used this site.

Functionality and easy navigation

Easy to find information

Nice and clean -- easy to navigate through. Add copyright date or last updated date.

Fascinating info!!

It is easy to find what you are looking for.

Clean, easy to navigate

very user friendly for those of us always in a hurry
easy to navigate

First page layout is excellent

Clear, informative, logical links. I like quck links.

I have just now taken a look at it and liked the fact that the links to ...

I think that it is a very good web site; however, I rarely use it. I like the fact that it has an index, the web site of the month and various reports.

I don't use it enough to comment intelligently, but it looks okay to me.

What's New & Annual Meetings Activities

I like it's simple, clean design and easy navigation. The content is useful to me in my work on OBS committees. I like that the website of the month is archived there.

It is easy to navigate.

I like its simplicity.

Nice, clean look; easy to navigate & use; makes relevant and useful information easily accessible.

Nice, clean look & easy navigation

The A to Z index

everything

Well organized and easy to navigate

Looks like there's lot's of information to be had.

Overall design is great. Very easy to navigate. Highlights: member contributions (like "Typos in OPACS); Procedures manuals; Website of the month.

Comprehensive, easy to use.

What would you change about the OBS Website?

the turquoise color (just personal preference)

Update more often. Website of the month is still December
More updated content, or more notice when content IS updated

Publicize it more -- remind me to use it.

The NEWS is so out

Make Annual Reports current

It could be a little more current. Maybe it's time to get some links to blogs and podcasts (new technology) on the OBS website. Anything new that's added should be announced on the OBS e

Consider posting short current awareness articles to the website.

Need more communication as opposed to information. Not clear how up

More frequent updates, but that's a usual problem.

How can OBS serve you better?

I would appreciate a little more communication from the OBS Board on the issues they are dealing with via the e

Maybe OBS could have a focus session at the Annual Meeting to get even more feedback.

Keep the website of the month coming, we add each record to our online catalog. Thanks! Add an ERM committee or discussion group

some of us do not have the time or resources to be as technically engaged. I would offer some "bac to basics"

Thanks.

I just need to participate. I have been focussed on creating a website for the last 10 years and simply have not kept up with Technical Services issues.

We need to advertise OBS better. Please submit articles to the SIS Section of the Spectrum newsletter.

Doing a great job and it keeps getting better!

The survey was a good idea as was the countdown to the deadline. Possibly OBS could use a higher profile to make AALL members more aware of its offerings.

***TSL*L (Technical Services Law Librarian)**

Please evaluate the TSLL columns based on their value to your current job and professional development.

Acquisitions	Very relevant 27	moderately relevant 27	not relevant 10
Classification	Very relevant 46	moderately relevant 15	not relevant 5
Collection Dev.	Very relevant 27	moderately relevant 25	not relevant 14
Description & entry	Very relevant 42	moderately relevant 19	not relevant 4
The Internet	Very relevant 36	moderately relevant 28	not relevant 3
MarcRemarks	Very relevant 47	moderately relevant 13	not relevant 5
Management Issues	Very relevant 38	moderately relevant 23	not relevant 4
OCLC	Very relevant 37	moderately relevant 23	not relevant 5
Preservation	Very relevant 14	moderately relevant 35	not relevant 15
Private Law Lib.	Very relevant 6	moderately relevant 13	not relevant 45
Research & Pub.	Very relevant 8	moderately relevant 37	not relevant 17
Serials	Very relevant 50	moderately relevant 14	not relevant 1
Serials Issues	Very relevant 50	moderately relevant 14	not relevant 1
Subject Headings	Very relevant 42	moderately relevant 18	not relevant 6
TechScans	Very relevant 24	moderately relevant 30	not relevant 9