

OBS Survey Responses 2007

Total Responses: 69

OBS-SIS Members: 303

Return Rate: 23%

Responsibilities that accounts for a significant portion of your time at work (at least 10%):

Acquisitions	22
Administration	35
Cataloging	53
Circulation	4
Collection Development	17
Government Documents	10
ILS Management	25
Interlibrary Loan	3
IT (general)	8
Knowledge Management	5
Preservation	10
Reference	18
Serials Management	32
Teaching	8
Web Management	9
Other, please specify	8

Database maintenance, Binding Dept., Supervision/Project Management, Reserves, Working with committees on various topics such as, project management, In-house developed projects, Library displays

Number of years you have worked in a law library:

0-1	3
2-5	7
6-10	6
11-15	11
16-20	15
Over 20	27

Category that best describes your current status or employer (library) type:

County or State Law Library	2
Court Library	3
Law Firm Library	4
Other Private Law Library	0
Law School Library	59
Student	0
Unemployed	0
Other, please specify: Federal Government Agency	1

Did you attend the 2006 AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri?

Yes 45 No 23

Do you plan on attending the 2007 AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana?

Yes 50 No 18

St. Louis 2006

Feedback on OBS sponsored programs and discussion groups:

Electronic Serials Cataloging Workshop (SCCTP)

Very Relevant: 20

Moderately Relevant: 4

Not Relevant: 2

N/A: 15

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

Very Relevant: 18 Moderately Relevant: 16 Not Relevant: 0 N/A: 13

Scouting for Value: Building Pioneering Library Services

Very Relevant: 7 Moderately Relevant: 10 Not Relevant: 4 N/A: 18

Local Systems Committee: Electronic Resources Management Database (ERMD)

Very Relevant: 21 Moderately Relevant: 8 Not Relevant: 2 N/A: 11

OCLC WorldCat: Changes, Collection Analysis, and MARC Holdings

Very Relevant: 33 Moderately Relevant: 9 Not Relevant: 1 N/A: 3

RLIN / OCLC Merger Program

Very Relevant: 30 Moderately Relevant: 6 Not Relevant: 3 N/A: 7

Special Committee on Record Sharing

Very Relevant: 13 Moderately Relevant: 10 Not Relevant: 2 N/A: 14

Vendor Showcase, Part 1 (Endeavor, Serials Solutions)

Very Relevant: 10 Moderately Relevant: 12 Not Relevant: 3 N/A: 16

Vendor Showcase, Part 2 (ExLibris, Innovative)

Very Relevant: 17 Moderately Relevant: 10 Not Relevant: 1 N/A: 13

New Orleans 2007:

Feedback on the relevance of these 2007 OBS sponsored programs and roundtables:

Collection Analysis Made Easy: OCLC's WorldCat Collection Analysis Service (A2)

Very Relevant: 23 Moderately Relevant: 30 Not Relevant: 7

Bringing the Library to the User: the Practice (A4, co-sponsored with TS-SIS)

Very Relevant: 36 Moderately Relevant: 20 Not Relevant: 2

Bringing the Library to the User: the Theory (B3, co-sponsored with TS-SIS)

Very Relevant: 30 Moderately Relevant: 25 Not Relevant: 3

ALEPH Systems Roundtable (New)

Very Relevant: 6 Moderately Relevant: 9 Not Relevant: 37

Innovative Interfaces Systems Roundtable (New)

Very Relevant: 32 Moderately Relevant: 8 Not Relevant: 21

Heads of Systems Roundtable (New)

Very Relevant: 18 Moderately Relevant: 16 Not Relevant: 23

Local Systems Roundtable on Federated Searching

Very Relevant: 20 Moderately Relevant: 28 Not Relevant: 11

OCLC/RLIN Update

Very Relevant: 35 Moderately Relevant: 15 Not Relevant: 9

OCLC/RLIN Roundtable

Very Relevant: 32 Moderately Relevant: 13 Not Relevant: 11

SIRSI Systems Roundtable (New)

Very Relevant: 15 Moderately Relevant: 5 Not Relevant: 35

Technology Jam Roundtable (New)

Very Relevant: 24 Moderately Relevant: 22 Not Relevant: 11

Vendor Showcase on Federated Searching, pt. 1

Very Relevant: 19 Moderately Relevant: 34 Not Relevant: 7

Vendor Showcase on Federated Searching, pt. 2

Very Relevant: 19 Moderately Relevant: 34 Not Relevant: 7

Oregon 2008.

Please indicate your interest in these potential 2008 OBS sponsored programs and roundtables:

Critical Conversations on Library Automation: Library managers and systems librarians explore the intersection of management and technology from a variety of perspectives

Very Interested: 38 Moderately Interested: 22 Not Interested: 3

Delivering New Acquisitions Lists via RSS Feeds

Very Interested: 29 Moderately Interested: 24 Not Interested: 11

Delivering Patron Services with New Technologies (KOHA, Primo, Library 2.0, etc.)

Very Interested: 20 Moderately Interested: 31 Not Interested: 12

The Good, The Bad, the Ugly: Rethinking Bibliographic Services, where the recommendations outlined in Rethinking Bib Services at University of California, the Calhoun report, and Karen Markey's paper will be discussed.

Very Interested: 58 Moderately Interested: 9 Not Interested: 1

Making Your TOCs Tick will examine how accessible TOCs (Table of Contents) are in the public catalog, their quality, and how to maximize their effectiveness for information seekers

Very Interested: 32 Moderately Interested: 31 Not Interested: 5

Ramifications of Bulk-Importing and the Single v. Multiple Bibliographic Records for Various Formats Approach

Very Interested: 41 Moderately Interested: 22 Not Interested: 4

The Tribe Has Spoken: Surviving Technical Service and System Challenges. Using the Survivor TV format, join OBS-SIS panel members as they compete to provide answers to workplace dilemmas.

Very Interested: 32 Moderately Interested: 23 Not Interested: 11

Recommendations, suggestions, comments, or even complaints on past and/or future OBS sponsored educational programs:

- *Wonderful topics! We should try to do most of them, even if they are not picked by AMPC*
- *Programs have been well organized and focused.*
- *OBS has a wonderful track record of getting programs accepted for the Annual Meeting. Let's keep up the momentum in the future!*
- *Getting newer Technical Services Librarians involved in educational programming is crucial to its success.*
- *Low participation in 2006 programs was due to lack of time, not lack of interest.*

- *The Tribe has Spoken sounds fun at least!*
- *[The Tribe has Spoken] sounds, well, lame and fake.*
- *Although many OBS programs interest me, they often conflict with other programs that share the same time slot that have greater or equal interest.*

OBS SIS Activities and Products Rating:

Joint Reception at AALL Annual Meeting

Worthwhile = 37 Okay = 22 Not Worth My Time = 3

MARBI Representative

Worthwhile = 41 Okay = 17 Not Worth My Time = 2

OBS Activities Table at AALL Annual Meeting, including Paperback Exchange

Worthwhile = 21 Okay = 32 Not Worth My Time = 6

OBS Committee Discussions (Roundtables) at AALL Annual Meeting

Worthwhile = 46 Okay = 15 Not Worth My Time = 0

OBS Committee Meetings at AALL Annual Meeting

Worthwhile = 39 Okay = 20 Not Worth My Time = 0

OBS Programs at AALL Annual Meeting

Worthwhile = 54 Okay = 8 Not Worth My Time = 0

OBS-SIS Electronic List

Worthwhile = 41 Okay = 02 Not Worth My Time = 2

OBS-SIS Website

Worthwhile = 38 Okay = 22 Not Worth My Time = 0

OBS/TS Joint Research Grant

Worthwhile = 28 Okay = 23 Not Worth My Time = 8

Technical Services Law Librarian (newsletter)

Worthwhile = 59 Okay = 4 Not Worth My Time = 1

Should the current OCLC and RLIN Committees be merged into one committee?

Yes = 57 No = 1 Other = 7

Other, please specify includes:

- Not immediately, need a transitional period
- Yes, but maybe wait until they actually merger
- Perhaps eventually
- Wait until the OCLC/RLG merger is completed
- choose date now (july 2008?) for orderly transition
- not yet, give it another year
- Probably so but should be discussed more fully

Feedback on the OBS-SIS Website

What do you like about the OBS-SIS Website?

- I don't visit the site enough to give an opinion

- Easy navigation
- Easy to navigate
- ease of navigation
- Easy to use & I Love the streamlined look
- Clear presentation of information and links
- easy to find stuff
- website of the month, design is clear and concise
- Informative and well-organized
- Clean and easy to navigate.
- Web site of the mo.; A-Z search; overall organiz.
- website of the month; libraries on local systems
- Format & searchable
- speedy access, point and click
- not much clutter
- Well-organized
- It is well-organized.
- It is a quick source of information
- the design

What would you change about the OBS-SIS Website?

- Needs reorganization.
- Nothing. I like it the way it is.
- I'll leave that to the webmasters
- Could be more current awareness news.
- Directory of experts (i.e., who to contact)
- make sure all data is current
- Need an Archive web page about OBS history
- indepth technology case study reports

Evaluation of TSLL columns based on their value to your current job and professional development:

Acquisitions		
Very Relevant: 29	Moderately Relevant: 22	Not Relevant: 11
Classification		
Very Relevant: 45	Moderately Relevant: 15	Not Relevant: 2
Collection Development		
Very Relevant: 24	Moderately Relevant: 24	Not Relevant: 12
Description and Entry		
Very Relevant: 39	Moderately Relevant: 18	Not Relevant: 3
The Internet		
Very Relevant: 36	Moderately Relevant: 22	Not Relevant: 2
MARC Remarks		
Very Relevant: 46	Moderately Relevant: 12	Not Relevant: 4
Management Issues		
Very Relevant: 36	Moderately Relevant: 23	Not Relevant: 2

OCLC/RLIN			
Very Relevant:	40	Moderately Relevant:	18
		Not Relevant:	3
Preservation			
Very Relevant:	18	Moderately Relevant:	30
		Not Relevant:	12
Private Law Libraries			
Very Relevant:	9	Moderately Relevant:	20
		Not Relevant:	26
Research and Publication			
Very Relevant:	14	Moderately Relevant:	37
		Not Relevant:	10
Serials			
Very Relevant:	43	Moderately Relevant:	15
		Not Relevant:	0
Serials Issues			
Very Relevant:	43	Moderately Relevant:	17
		Not Relevant:	0
Subject Headings			
Very Relevant:	38	Moderately Relevant:	18
		Not Relevant:	2
TechScans			
Very Relevant:	29	Moderately Relevant:	21
		Not Relevant:	7

Overall Quality of TSLL:

Excellent = 51 Good = 14 Fair = 1 Poor = 0

What do you like about the TSLL? Please select all that apply.

Length of issues	37
Length of articles	48
Features	52
The new September Conference issue	22
Format	29
Other, please specify	8
Other, please specify includes:	
• the quality of the articles	
• Good info, well presented	
• Coverage of full range of OBS/TS issues, & quality	
• Has a ton of relevant information for my job!	
• quality	
• Content	
• Great selection of articles!	
• Outstanding and is invaluable as cont'g education.	

How much of each TSLL issue do you read?

90-100%	21
70-89%	28
40-69%	11
less than 40%	6

Do you have any ideas for new TSLL columns or features?

- Law firm perspective on some of the existing columns/features

- Should we move toward the blog format?
- Articles, probably once or twice a year, summarizing relevant International developments, such as those of the IFLA Cataloguing Section and its various committees.

Please let us know what could be improved in TSL. List any areas of interest not currently covered or general comments:

- Get Brian to keep it on schedule! LOL :-)
- More information on ILS vendors: how libraries use their systems?
- Under Brian Striman's editorship, I think TSL has just gotten better and better.
- The lag in publication time that has occurred with TSL is making its content less relevant because it's published so long after the fact.
- Try to get the issues out on time.
- Since it's become all electronic, I don't take as much time to read it. It was great when I could read it during lunch!
- Include relevant illustrations
- FYI. I currently work on TSL so I am not answering most of the TSL questions in this survey.

How can OBS serve you better?

- ClassWeb and Catalogers' Desktop are LC products, but it would be good if we can have a program or a speaker from LC showing us the effective use of these two products, especially for new users.
- OBS is doing a good job, but more communication via the OBS e-list would be nice. Especially since TSL is so off schedule. Perhaps a monthly "From the Chair" on the e-list and/or website would make sense.
- you are doing a great job. During the first few years of my career, the group became mentor, educator and friend; then I contributed whatever I could; now I enjoy keeping up by reading TSL, keeping up the special friends and attending the occasional meeting.
- OBS does a great job. Thanks for the legal website of the month.