

Summary of 2023 LSRD-SIS Membership Survey Results

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Aloha Fellow LSRD-SISers!

I hope you had a very Happy Mother's Day weekend! Hats off to all mothers and mother figures for their pets etc.!

I am pleased to share the results of the LSRD-SIS biennial membership survey, which was efficiently administered by our Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Rebecca L Bearden.

Becky kindly summarized the results for your convenience as below, but here are some interesting comparisons and highlights. In the last survey in 2021, over 40 % of respondents have worked in law libraries for 20+ years, however in the 2023 survey, over 50% of respondents worked for less than a year or five years, indicating that there is a change in our demography.

Plus, we found some positive feedback about our SIS. Over 80% of respondents were either satisfied or extremely satisfied with our SIS events to meet their expectation for networking ; pertaining to their work interests or responsibilities; and keeping the abreast with the law library systems and platforms.

Although we know we need to improve, we are very humbled and encouraged by these responses. Becky commented that "Our members provided us with some very helpful feedback and suggestions. Some comments educated the board on existing tools and information we can promote better to our members. Others made us aware of other issues of concern for our members. We also got many excellent programming suggestions, some of which we hope to take an action on in the coming year." The full results will also be posted on the LSRD site shortly, along with previous surveys.

Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome! Please come to the **LSRD-SIS Business meeting on Friday, June 23 at 2 pm EST** to share your valuable input and support our wonderful incoming Chair, Rebecca L Bearden, to make our SIS excel and fun!

We received 61 responses to our 2023 Biennial Membership Survey. Here is the summary of results:

Current Employer Type/Status

- Law School Library - 80.3% (49)
- Law Firm Library – 11.5% (7)
- Retired – 3.3% (2)
- Court Library – 1.6% (1)
- County or State Library – 1.6% (1)

- Law Library – Database Compliance & Regulatory Software – 1.6% (1)
- No student, unemployed, or other private law library respondents

Length of employment in a law library

- Less than a year – 5% (3)
- 1-5 years – 22% (13)
- 6-10 years – 17% (10)
- 11-20 years – 26% (16)
- 20-30 years – 13% (8)
- 30+ years – 17% (10)

Which ILS / LMS / LSP does your library currently use?

- ExLibris Alma – 22
- Innovative Sierra – 11
- FOLIO – 4
- TIND – 4
- EOS – 3
- Sirsi – 3
- Symphony – 3
- Lucidea Syndey Enterprise – 2
- WMS – 2
- Innovative Millennium – 2
- ExLibris Aleph – 1
- GeniePlus – 1
- Library World - 1
- Microsoft Access – 1
- Smart Library – 1
- Soutron – 1

Is your library or place of work considering moving to a new library system?

- No – 29
- Yes – 17
- No, because we just recently changed systems – 13
- Maybe – 1
- N/A - 1

Does your library use a discovery system?

- Yes – 40
- No – 18
- Unsure – 1

If yes, which discovery system does your library use?

- Blacklight – 7
- EBSCO Discovery Service – 8
- Homegrown – 1
- N/A – 9
- Unsure – 1
- WMS Discovery – 1
- Primo – 19
- SirsiDynix Enterprise - 1
- Summon - 2
- VuFind – 2
- No answer – 11

Major work responsibilities (at least 20% of time worked) of our members:

- Cataloging – 62.3% (38)
- Electronic Resources Management – 54.1% (33)
- ILS Management – 39.3% (24)

- Metadata – 34.4% (21)
- Acquisitions – 32.8% (20)
- Collection Development - 26.2% (16)
- Digitization/Digital Collections - 26.2% (16)
- Reference – 24.6% (15)
- Serials Management – 23% (14)
- Government Documents – 19.7% (12)
- Knowledge Management – 11.5% (7)
- Web Management Administration - 11.5% (7)
- IT (general) – 9.8% (6)
- Scholarly Publishing – 8.2% (5)
- Archives – 6.6% (4)
- Library Administration/Budget – 6.4% (4)
- Instruction / Teaching – 4.9% (3)
- Circulation – 3.3% (2)
- Faculty Research – 3.3% (2)
- Retired – 3.3% (2)
- IR manager – 1.6% (1)
- Interlibrary Loan - 0

How long have you been a member of LSDR-SIS (formerly OBS-SIS)?

- Less than a year – 9
- 1-5 years – 26
- 6-10 years – 6
- 11-20 years – 6
- 20+ years - 14

How satisfied are you with your experience as an LSRD-SIS member?

- Extremely Satisfied – 32.8% (20)

- Satisfied – 50.8% (31)
- Neutral – 16.4% (10)
- Not Satisfied – 0
- Extremely Dissatisfied - 0

Why did you join LSRD-SIS? (Please select all that apply)

- For networking opportunities – 72.1%
- The section's focus aligns with my interests and/or work responsibilities – 91.8%
- To stay up to date on issues with law library systems and platforms – 90.2%
- For the section's educational programming – 57.4%
- It was recommended/required by my employer – 19.7%
- Other – 3.2%

Please select all other Special Interest Sections of which you are also a member:

- ALL-SIS – 41.4% (24)
- BLL-SIS – 1.7% (1)
- DET-SIS – 5.2% (3)
- FCIL-SIS – 0
- GD-SIS – 17.2% (10)
- GLL-SIS – 5.2% (3)
- LHRB-SIS – 10.3% (6)
- LISP-SIS – 5.2% (3)
- LIT-SIS (formerly CS-SIS) – 6.9% (4)
- PEGA-SIS – 3.4% (2)
- PLLIP-SIS – 10.3% (6)
- RIP-SIS – 8.6% (5)
- SR-SIS – 1.7% (1)
- TS-SIS – 86.2% (50)

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