

## **ARL Survey of Regionals and ARL Selective Depository Libraries – Summary of Likert Analysis**

Use of the Likert scale in the ARL Survey of Regional and ARL Selective Federal Depository Libraries provides a current snapshot of both types of Depository Libraries. Regional respondents were asked to respond to 21 statements, Selectives were asked to respond to 19 statements. The following scale of 1 through 5 was utilized:

Scale 1	Strongly Disagree
Scale 2	Disagree
Scale 3	No Opinion
Scale 4	Agree
Scale 5	Strongly Agree

Scale 1 and 2 were combined as **Disagree**; Scale 4 and 5 were combined as **Agree**.

The following table presents the thirteen statements that Selectives most **agreed** with and also the Regionals percentages next to it.

**TABLE I**

	<b>STATEMENTS in Descending Order</b>	<b>SELECTIVES % AGREE</b>	<b>REGIONALS % AGREE</b>
<b>1.</b>	19. Our library conforms to the GPO “Instructions to Depositories” and the “Federal Depository Library Manual, Supplement 2: Guidelines for the Federal Depository Library Program” with respect to staffing and other support.	<b>90</b>	<b>72.5</b>
<b>2.</b>	15. A national public awareness campaign coordinated by GPO and focusing on Federal depository library services would be a benefit.	<b>88.3</b>	<b>87.5</b>
<b>3.</b>	20. The level of staffing and support for our library’s government document collection is generally satisfactory (on par) in relationship to the library’s support of other collections.	<b>81.7</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>4.</b>	12. A more electronic GPO has improved public service.	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>5.</b>	8. Promotion of the collection/services by the library would increase use.	<b>78.4</b>	<b>82.5</b>
<b>6.</b>	1. Space for print and tangible electronic collections is sufficient.	<b>76.7</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>7.</b>	7. The documents collections/services are frequently used.	<b>75</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>8.</b>	3. The department has adequate support staff.	<b>70</b>	<b>47.5</b>
<b>9.</b>	2. The department has adequate professional staff.	<b>68.3</b>	<b>42.5</b>
<b>10.</b>	5. Support to purchase needed supplementary resources and services is adequate.	<b>68.3</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>11.</b>	21. The “Instructions to Depository Libraries” and the “Federal Depository Library Manual, Supplement 2: Guidelines for the Federal Depository Library Program” is in need of significant revision to conform to current practice and the emergence of networked access to government information.	<b>68.3</b>	<b>82.5</b>
<b>12.</b>	4. The department has adequate temporary staff (students/graduate assistants).	<b>66.7</b>	<b>47.5</b>
<b>13.</b>	17. If GPO provided standards and guidance, my library would consider partnering with GPO on an electronic or digital project.	<b>65</b>	<b>67.5</b>

Table II presents the five statements that Selectives most **agree** with that were not asked of Regionals.

**TABLE II**

	<b>STATEMENTS in Descending Order</b>	<b>Selectives % AGREE</b>
1.	24. Training sessions conducted by GPO in my state or region would be a benefit.	<b>85</b>
2.	26. Communication from the Public Printer and/or the Superintendent of Documents to my dean/director is a benefit.	<b>85</b>
3.	25. The GPO self-study/inspection process is a benefit to my federal depository library services.	<b>60</b>
4.	22. Support from the regional federal depository library on processing and collection issues would be a benefit.	<b>51.7</b>
5.	23. Training on electronic resources from the regional federal depository library would be a benefit.	<b>63.3</b>

Table III shows the two statements that Regionals most **agree** with that were not asked of Selectives.

**TABLE III**

	<b>STATEMENTS in Descending Order</b>	<b>Regionals % AGREE</b>
<b>1.</b>	Training sessions conducted by GPO for regional Federal depository library staff would benefit the selective Federal depository libraries in my state or region	<b>75</b>
<b>2.</b>	Marketing of regional Federal depository library services by GPO to selective Federal depository libraries in my state or region would be a benefit.	<b>65.5</b>

The next table contains the three statements that Regionals and Selectives libraries most disagree with along with the percentages .

**TABLE IV**

	<b>STATEMENTS in Descending Order</b>	<b>REGIONALS % DISAGREE</b>	<b>SELECTIVES % DISAGREE</b>
<b>1.</b>	6. Support for operational costs of being a regional /selective Federal depository library is increasing at my library.	<b>50</b>	<b>41.6</b>
<b>2.</b>	9. The staff has adequate support to conduct training sessions on the use of electronic resources for selective Federal depository libraries in my state or region	<b>45</b>	<b>NOT ASKED OF SELECTIVES</b>
<b>3.</b>	10. The staff has adequate support to conduct training sessions on processing and collection issues for selective Federal depository libraries in my state or region	<b>45</b>	<b>NOT ASKED OF SELECTIVES</b>