

**ARL SURVEY of REGIONAL 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 Regional Depository Libraries. Regional respondents were asked to respond to 21 statements. The following scale of 1 through 5 was utilized:

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| 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 are the top ten statements, in descending order, upon which responding Regional libraries most **agree**.

TABLE I

| | STATEMENTS in Descending Order | % AGREE |
|------------|--|----------------|
| 1. | 15. A national public awareness campaign coordinated by GPO and focusing on Federal depository library services would be a benefit | 87.5 |
| 2. | 8. Promotion of the collection/services by the library would increase use | 82.5 |
| 3. | 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. | 82.5 |
| 4. | 7. The documents collection/services are frequently used | 80 |
| 5. | 12. A more electronic GPO has improved public service | 80 |
| 6. | 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 | 80 |
| 7. | 13. Training sessions conducted by GPO for regional Federal depository library staff would benefit the selective Federal depository libraries in my state or region. | 75 |
| 8. | 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. | 72.5 |
| 9. | 17. If GPO provided standards and guidance, my library would consider partnering with GPO on an electronic or digital project. | 67.5 |
| 10. | 14. Marketing of regional Federal depository library services by GPO to selective Federal depository libraries in my state or region would be a benefit. | 65 |

The next table contains the four statements that surveyed libraries most **disagree**, in descending order, with along with the percentages

TABLE II

| | STATEMENTS in Descending Order | % DISAGREE |
|-----------|--|-------------------|
| 1. | 6. Support for operational costs of being a regional Federal depository library is increasing at my library. | 50 |
| 2. | 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 | 45 |
| 3. | 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 | 45 |

In the next three statements the percentages are between **agree** and **disagree** are much closer with there being a separation of only 30% or less. The statements are given with both the **agree** and **disagree** percentages in descending order.

TABLE III

| | STATEMENTS in Descending Order | % AGREE | % DISAGREE |
|-----------|--|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. | 1. Space for print and tangible electronic collections is sufficient. | 55 | 35 |
| 2. | 16. Federal depository library services in my state or region would improve if GPO replaced the self- study/inspection process with field consultants located in my or a neighboring regional library. | 50 | 20 |
| 3. | 4. The department has adequate temporary staff (students/graduate assistants). | 47.5 | 27.5 |

This table reflects three statements in which the **Agree** and **Disagree** were almost equally divided in descending order.

TABLE IV

| | STATEMENTS in Descending Order | % AGREE | % DISAGREE |
|-----------|---|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. | 5. Support to purchase needed supplementary resources and services is adequate. | 45 | 50 |
| 2. | 11. I am prepared to expand services to the selective Federal depository libraries in my state or region. | 45 | 35 |
| 3. | 2. The department has adequate professional staff. | 42.5 | 42.5 |