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### **The Current State of Portal Applications in ARL Libraries**

The ARL Portal Applications Working Group, chaired by Sarah Michalak, University Librarian and Associate Provost, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, completed its work in May with the issuance of the report, "The Current State of Portal Applications in ARL Libraries," <http://www.arl.org/access/portal/PAWGfinalrpt.pdf>. The report summarizes a survey of ARL members on the application of search engines and other resource-integration tools and services. The survey, and follow-up interviews with library directors and senior staff, explored how libraries were implementing and offering cross-resource searching, customized data mining, Web-page personalization, and support services such as online reference, links to learning management systems, interlibrary loan, etc. The report highlights the range of definitions and visions driving library portal development, identifies required and desired features and functionality, describes timelines for some of the responding libraries, notes the beginnings of interaction with institutional repositories and institutional portals, and identifies the range of methods used to solicit reactions from the local user community. The report concludes with recommendations for further actions by ARL. For additional information, contact Mary Jackson, Director of Collections and Access Programs, [mary@arl.org](mailto:mary@arl.org).

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