


The 145th

 ARL Membership Meeting

Statistics & Measurement Committee Meeting October 13, 2004

Highlights

Convened by Brinley Franklin, University of Connecticut, Chair

- **Measuring Collections**
In an environment with increasing emphasis on digital resources, what are the metrics that are appropriate for describing and characterizing collections, and what collection trends are particularly important to identify and track over time? The ARL Statistics and Measurement Committee in collaboration with the Collection and Access Committee and the Membership Committee is beginning a systematic investigation of this issue and a discussion will take place about the process we need to develop to understand this topic.
- **Review of Current Measurement Activities**
New forms for the ARL Statistics and the ARL Supplementary Statistics have been mailed to the member libraries. The ARL Supplementary Statistics now incorporates all the E-Metrics variables and ARL has asked all members to consider collecting these items. Papers and presentations that have been recently published or submitted for publication describing issues related to measurement (E-Metrics, Draft white paper on measuring usage statistics across vendors and publishers, etc.) will also be reviewed in a discussion that will inform future program activities.
- **Making Library Assessment Work: Practical Approaches for Developing and Sustaining Effective Assessment**
Steve Hiller (University of Washington) and Jim Self (University of Virginia) will be available to discuss their Visiting Program Officer assignment through which they will conduct an evaluation of assessment efforts and needs at 4-6 different ARL Libraries from February through June, 2005.

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