ARL Survey of ARL Selective Depository Libraries – Summary of Likert Analysis

Use of the Likert scale in the ARL Survey of ARL Selective Federal Depository Libraries provides a current snapshot of Selecive Depository Libraries. Selectives respondents 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**.

Because there were a remarkable number of statements that selective libraries agreed with there is only one table for this set (Table I). The statement, "Support for operational costs of being a Federal depository library is increasing at my library" was the only one that selectives **disagreed** with in any uniformity. For that statement 41.6 **disagreed** and the ones that had no opinion or a**greed** with it were evenly split at 28.3.

The following are the top statements upon which responding Selective libraries most agree in descending order.

TABLE I

	STATEMENTS in Descending Order	% AGREE
1.	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.	90
2.	15. A national public awareness campaign coordinated by GPO and focusing on Fe deral depository library services would be a benefit.	88.3
3.	24. Training sessions conducted by GPO in my state or region would be a benefit.	85
4.	26. Communication from the Public Printer and/or the Superintendent of Documents to my dean/director is a benefit.	85
5.	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.	81.7
6.	12. A more electronic GPO has improved public service.	80
7.	8. Promotion of the collection/services by the library would increase use.	78.4
8.	1. Space for print and tangible electronic collections is sufficient.	76.7
9.	7. The documents collection/services are frequently used.	75
10.	3. The department has adequate support staff.	70
11.	2. The department has adequate professional staff.	68.3
12.	5. Support to purchase needed supplementary resources and services is adequate.	68.3
13.	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.	68.3
14.	4. The department has adequate temporary staff (students/graduate assistants).	66.7
15.	17. If GPO provided standards and guidance, my library would consider partnering with GPO on an electronic or digital project.	65
16.	25. The GPO self-study/inspection process is a benefit to my federal depository library services.	60