



## **ARL Statistics Survey Revision Task Force**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the ARL Statistics Survey Revision Task Force is to recommend in what ways to revise the quantitative information included in annual data collection through the ARL Statistics survey. By reviewing and proposing revisions for the quantitative survey, this task force will enable ARL institutions to track, report, and analyze measures that align with current organizational needs. The quantitative data gathered through the ARL Statistics survey is critical to articulate the investments that libraries make across our membership and to enable members to detect trends. While assessing notions of value (local, regional, national) is important, this survey is not intended to directly measure these types of concepts using quantitative means.

### **Charge**

The ARL Statistics Survey Revision Task Force is responsible for recommending changes to the ARL Statistics survey that would better reflect metrics that the ARL membership would like to collect and track. The task force should focus on defining and recommending changes that are suitable for a quantitative survey instrument. Other qualitative information captured from member engagement or other research activity for this project that is not directly applicable to the ARL Statistics survey should be reserved for contextual or future work purposes. Specifically the task force should:

1. Engage membership to explore how members would like to use ARL Statistics survey data in the context of (a) data currently collected and (b) the need for potential changes to data collection through the survey.
2. Analyze membership input and align the existing ARL Statistics survey with a revised survey structure that reflects the ways members foresee using ARL Statistics survey data.
3. Create a road map that defines a desired end state for the ARL Statistics survey, recommends changes to meet that end state, and outlines the sequence and timing of introducing these changes to the ARL Statistics survey. The task force should also include recommendations for how frequently to reassess and revise the survey instrument to ensure it continues to meet member needs.

### **Membership**

- The task force will be chaired by an ARL member representative appointed by the Research and Analytics Committee.

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- The task force is composed of six to eight members with experience and responsibility in library assessment, with an anticipation of an equal balance of member representatives and member library employees.
- The task force reports to the Research and Analytics Committee.

## **Terms**

- Members of the task force will serve for the duration of the project, up to implementation.
- Exact dates will depend on the pace of the work, but ARL anticipates the task force's work may be complete by mid-2023.

## **Meetings**

The task force will meet as needed to conduct the work of its charge.

## **Areas of Responsibility**

- Explore, identify, and execute activities for addressing the components of the charge.
- Engage the membership in a systematic and structured way through Association Committees and across the Association as a whole, to gather feedback about what quantitative information would be useful, and potential intended applications for ARL Statistics survey data.
- Synthesize feedback from the membership to develop proposed revisions to the ARL Statistics survey instrument, including specific data points that should be collected through the ARL Statistics survey.
- Produce deliverables with recommendations to the Research and Analytics Committee in a report format with a clearly articulated set of recommended actions and a rationale for each item.
- Provide updates to the Research and Analytics Committee as progress warrants, or as requested by the committee.

## **Decision-Making**

The task force makes recommendations to the Research and Analytics Committee, and, as appropriate, to the ARL executive director.

## **Code of Conduct**

The task force adheres to the ARL [Code of Conduct](#) in all of its deliberations and activities.

Approved by the ARL executive director February 4, 2022