CONTINUING EDUCATION
SURVEY RESULTS
MLA CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE
RESPONSES BY LIBRARY ROLE

Total Survey Responses = 276
RESPONSES BY TYPE OF LIBRARY & AREA/DEPARTMENT

By Type of Library

- Public: 69%
- Academic: 19%
- Special: 9%
- Media Center: 3%

By Area or Department

- Reference/Adult Services: 27%
- Circulation: 18%
- Children/Youth Services: 17%
- Technical: 13%
- Other*: 13%
- Instruction: 12%

* Other included administration, branch manager/director, management, collection development, engagement, archives/preservation/special collections, liaison and administrative support
RESPONSES BY REGION & MULTI-TYPE SYSTEM

Region:
- Rural: 42%
- Suburban: 30%
- Urban: 28%

Multi-type System:
- Yes: 33%
- No: 67%
RESPONSES BY SUBJECT PREFERENCE
IS THERE A KNOWLEDGE OR SKILL YOU DIDN'T LEARN IN LIBRARY SCHOOL OR SKILL YOU WISH YOU HAD?

- didn't go to library school: 11%
- marketing: 10%
- grant writing/fundraising: 9%
- public relations/policy: 9%
- staff supervision/management: 8%
- staying current w/ technology: 8%
- computer programming/coding: 6%
- e-readers/e-resources: 5%
- accounting/budgeting: 4%
BARRIERS TO & HELP FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION ACCESS

Barriers – Individual Responses

- Cost/budget: 59
- Time: 58
- Location: 32
- Lack of administrative support: 18
- Other: 7

Help - %

- Live webinar with archived access: 46.40%
- Offer mornings & afternoon in-person workshops in your region: 24.60%
- Provide all-day, in-person workshops in your region: 21.10%
- Other: 6.10%

*In Other, the prevalent theme was diminished staffing*
SUBJECT PREFERENCES BY LIBRARY TYPE
ACADEMIC LIBRARY, MEDIA CENTER, PUBLIC LIBRARY & SPECIAL LIBRARY
SPECIAL LIBRARIES: TOP PICKS BY SUBJECT PREFERENCE

**Top 10 Special Library - Rural**
- Career development
- Adapting to change
- Acquisitions & coll. mgmt
- Space planning and design
- Readers advisory
- Communication skills
- Marketing
- Diversity and inclusion
- Collaboration & relationship-building
- Administration & management

**Top 10 Special Library - Suburban**
- Administration & management
- Acquisitions & coll. mgmt
- Space planning and design
- Mindfulness in the workplace
- Library safety
- Fundraising and grant writing
- Diversity and inclusion
- Conflict management
- Collaboration & relationship-building
- Adapting to change

**Top 10 Special Library - Urban**
- Marketing
- Fundraising and grant writing
- Diversity and inclusion
- Administration & management
- Presentation skills
- Information literacy instruction
- Collaboration & relationship-building
- Cataloging
- Acquisitions & coll. mgmt
- Conflict management