

2009-10 Wyoming School Library Survey
Initial report to Wyoming Library Association School Library Media Personnel Section
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Survey overview

In the spring of 2010, the Wyoming State Library conducted a survey of Wyoming school library media centers (LMCs) to gather information on staffing, collections, budgets and other basic measures for the 2009-10 school year. This is the second year of the survey.

For this survey, a school library media center is defined as having all four of the following:

1. An organized collection of printed, audio-visual and/or other library materials;
2. Paid staff;
3. Designated facilities, and
4. An established schedule where it is available to students, teachers and administrators.

Response rates for public K-12 schools

The Wyoming Department of Education lists 349 schools by NCES (National Center for Education Statistics) for the 2009-10 school year. Of those, 314 have Library Media Specialist (LIM) and/or Library Media Aide (LMA) FTEs assigned to them. Some schools – for example a K-12 that combines 3 schools (elementary, middle, high school) – may have multiple NCES numbers assigned, so the actual number of schools is lower.

The State Library developed a list of 292 schools, including a handful of non-public schools, to be surveyed based on WDE staffing numbers and the Wyoming Libraries Directory. Public schools not in the directory that did not have LIM or LMA staffing assigned were not surveyed. Response rates shown here are by actual schools, including those that were not surveyed.:

Response rate

| Category | Number of schools | Respondents | Response rate | No library |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Elementary (K-6) | 176 | 106 | 60.2% | 3 |
| K-8 | 18 | 9 | 50.0% | 0 |
| K-12 | 15 | 14 | 93.3% | 0 |
| Junior High/Middle | 48 | 31 | 64.6% | 0 |
| Junior-Senior High | 15 | 9 | 60.0% | 1 |
| High School | 54 | 35 | 64.8% | 0 |
| Total WDE | 326 | 204 | 62.6% | 4 |
| | | | | |
| Non-WDE | 39 | 3 | 7.7% | 1 |

There were 59,553 students in the public schools that responded, or 68.1% of the total statewide public school enrollment of 87,461 reported by the Wyoming Department of Education. There were 647 students in the three private schools that responded.

Notes on the data:

Self-reported data was used wherever possible, supplemented with WDE data, results from this year's earlier one-time collection analysis survey, WYLD data and hours listed in the Wyoming Library Directory. Some data edit checks are still pending, so these numbers are preliminary.

Questions on this report may be directed to Susan Mark, Wyoming State Library Statistics Librarian, at smark@state.wy.us, toll-free at 1-800-264-1281 (press 3, then 3) or 307-777-5915.

TABLES: Wyoming School Library Survey 2009-10

| Enrollment | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Total | 60,479 |
| Averages | 299 |
| Medians | 253 |
| Number of responses | 202 |

| Main contact has a library media endorsement | |
|---|-------|
| Yes | 106 |
| No | 93 |
| Number of responses | 199 |
| Percent of responding | 53.3% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 52.5% |

| District has a library media coordinator | |
|---|-------|
| Yes | 100 |
| No | 98 |
| Number of responses | 198 |
| Percent of responding | 50.5% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 49.5% |

| Size of collection | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | Print | Audio | Video | Subscriptions | Other |
| Total | 1,920,021 | 10,717 | 48,360 | 3,326 | 19,906 |
| Average | 9,948 | 60 | 263 | 18 | 252 |
| Median | 9,300 | 28 | 177 | 12 | 21 |
| Number of responses | 193 | 178 | 184 | 190 | 79 |

| Students have remote access to school databases | |
|--|-------|
| Total | 86 |
| Number of responses | 165 |
| Percent of responding | 52.1% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 42.6% |

| School has | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Website | Link on school home page to library | Web page specifically for the library | Links to WYLD resources |
| Total | 168 | 97 | 83 | 128 |
| Number of responses | 188 | 187 | 188 | 185 |
| Percent of responding | 89.4% | 51.9% | 44.1% | 69.2% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 83.2% | 48.0% | 41.1% | 63.4% |

| Number of computer stations in library | |
|---|-------|
| Total | 2,717 |
| Average | 14.2 |
| Median | 9 |
| Number of responses | 191 |

| Does library lend laptops for student use outside the library? | |
|---|-------|
| Yes | 36 |
| No | 154 |
| Number of responses | 190 |
| Percent of responding | 18.9% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 17.8% |

| Are students permitted use of online social networking tools that allow users to interact and share data with other users? | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| | None | Blogs | Wikis | Social Sites (eg. MySpace) | Photo sharing | Video sharing | Other |
| Total | 105 | 60 | 60 | 16 | 17 | 20 | 14 |
| Number of responses | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 |
| Percent of responding | 61.8% | 35.3% | 35.3% | 9.4% | 10.0% | 11.8% | 8.2% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 52.0% | 29.7% | 29.7% | 7.9% | 8.4% | 9.9% | 6.9% |

| How much of library budget came from special funding opportunities? | | |
|--|-------------------|--|
| | Government grants | Private grants, donations, fundraising |
| Total | \$30,650 | \$115,945 |
| Average | \$211 | \$725 |
| Median | \$0 | \$0 |
| Number of responses | \$145 | \$160 |

| What are the library's expenditures for the 09-10 school year? | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <i>Collection expenditures</i> | | | | <i>All other</i> |
| | Print | AV | Electronic resources | Total collection | |
| Total | \$851,861 | \$75,202 | \$58,336 | \$987,989 | \$577,727 |
| Average | \$4,896 | \$515 | \$463 | \$5,646 | \$3,703 |
| Median | \$4,000 | \$250 | \$0 | \$4,500 | \$1,375 |
| Number of responses | 174 | 146 | 126 | 175 | 156 |

| Does this school have: | | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|-----|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Yes, and this policy is board approved | Yes, but not board-approved | No | Not sure, or do not know | Response Count |
| A library policies and procedures manual? | 82 | 33 | 51 | 20 | 186 |
| A regularly scheduled policy review and revision? | 34 | 12 | 108 | 31 | 185 |
| A collection development/materials selection policy? | 99 | 18 | 39 | 28 | 184 |
| A policy for challenges to library holdings? | 120 | 18 | 25 | 22 | 185 |
| A policy for copyright? | 73 | 21 | 45 | 45 | 184 |
| A resource sharing and interlibrary loan policy? | 36 | 50 | 74 | 25 | 185 |

| Indicate the typical weekly number of hours library staff: | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------|
| | Plan instruction | Deliver instruction |
| Total | 785.00 | 1,272.00 |
| Average | 4.59 | 7.31 |
| Median | 3.00 | 6.00 |
| Number of responses | 171 | 174 |

| Which of the following best describes the type of scheduling for classes in this library? | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| | All classes flexibly scheduled: classroom teachers arrange with library staff to instruct on an as-needed basis. | All classes regularly scheduled at fixed times: a class instruction schedule is arranged at the beginning of the school year or semester. | Some classes regularly scheduled, others flexibly scheduled. |
| Total | 55 | 84 | 42 |
| Number of responses | 181 | 181 | 181 |
| Percent of responding | 30.4% | 46.4% | 23.2% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 27.2% | 41.6% | 20.8% |

| Do library staff supervise students to provide classroom teacher release or preparation time? | |
|--|-------|
| Yes | 100 |
| No | 85 |
| Number of responses | 185 |
| Percent of responding | 54.1% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 49.5% |

| Are library staff responsible for: | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Technology lab? | Media equipment? | Other building libraries? | District-wide libraries? |
| Total | 100 | 40 | 116 | 57 |
| Number of responses | 185 | 185 | 186 | 185 |
| Percent of responding | 54.1% | 21.6% | 62.4% | 30.8% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 49.5% | 19.8% | 57.4% | 28.2% |

| Does the school or district provide support, such as substitutes, registration, and travel costs, for library staff to attend training opportunities outside the district? | |
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| Yes | 150 |
| No | 35 |
| Number of responses | 185 |
| Percent of responding | 81.1% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 74.3% |

| On what committees do library staff participate? | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Curriculum | Technology | School improvement | Parent/teacher organization |
| Total | 61 | 93 | 90 | 29 |
| Number of responses | 141 | 141 | 141 | 141 |
| Percent of responding | 43.3% | 66.0% | 63.8% | 20.6% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 30.2% | 46.0% | 44.6% | 14.4% |

| Does the school library have either of these types of committees? | | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------|
| | Faculty/administration advisory | Student advisory |
| Yes | 26 | 10 |
| No | 157 | 172 |
| Number of responses | 183 | 182 |
| Percent of responding | 14.2% | 5.5% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 12.9% | 5.0% |

| Please indicate how many full-time equivalents (FTEs) are assigned to your library | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | Library media specialist | Teacher, no library endorsement | Library media aide | Total FTEs |
| Total | 106.37 | 15.18 | 157.12 | 278.67 |
| Average | 0.53 | 0.15 | 0.78 | 1.38 |
| Median | 0.45 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Number of responses | 202 | 98 | 202 | 202 |

| Does your library use volunteers, either on a regular basis or for assistance with special events? | | |
|---|----------|--------|
| | Students | Adults |
| Total | 88 | 72 |
| Average | 90 | 108 |
| Median | | |
| Number of responses | 178 | 180 |
| Percent of responding | 49.4% | 40.0% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 43.6% | 35.6% |

| What is the estimated total circulation for the 2009-10 school year? | |
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| Total | 1,567,667 |
| Average | 9,860 |
| Median | 7,100 |
| Number of responses | 159 |

| In a typical week, how many hours is the library open for student use? | |
|---|-------|
| Total | 7,188 |
| Average | 37 |
| Median | 38 |
| Number of responses | 195 |

| Is the library regularly open: | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| | Before school? | After school? | Weekends? | Summer? |
| Total | 145 | 136 | 4 | 14 |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 71.8% | 67.3% | 2.0% | 6.9% |

| In a typical week, how many classroom/student visits are there to the library? | | | |
|---|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| | Number of classrooms | Number of students in these classrooms | Students visiting independently |
| Total | 2,527 | 43853 | 23464 |
| Average | 14 | 246 | 134.08 |
| Median | 13 | 236.50 | 55.00 |
| Number of responses | 184 | 178 | 175 |

Is the library open to the community? That is, may school district residents borrow materials, regardless of whether they have children attending?

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Yes | 80 |
| No | 100 |
| Number of responses | 180 |
| Percent of responding | 44.4% |
| Percent of all 202 responses | 39.6% |

Indicate which types of programming or promotions the library has provided during the school year.

| | Total | Percent of all 202 responses |
|--|------------|------------------------------|
| Accelerated Reader/Reading Counts | 101 | 50.0% |
| After School Program | 37 | 18.3% |
| Author/Artist in the Schools | 61 | 30.2% |
| Book Clubs | 43 | 21.3% |
| Book Fairs | 115 | 56.9% |
| English Language Learner resources and support | 26 | 12.9% |
| Family literacy events/activities | 54 | 26.7% |
| Multicultural resources and support | 32 | 15.8% |
| Special interest clubs (eg. anime, gaming, etc.) | 36 | 17.8% |
| State reading promotion programs | 79 | 39.1% |
| Summer reading program | 42 | 20.8% |
| | | |
| Total libraries offering one or more programs | 173 | |