HIGHLIGHTS
ARL ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARY STATISTICS, 2005-06

• Out of 113 ARL university libraries, 75 responded to this survey.¹

• Law libraries reported median values of 322,284 volumes held and 7,446 gross volumes added. Also, these libraries employed the full-time equivalent of 2,238 staff members in the fiscal year 2004-05.

• Responding libraries reported total expenditures of $206,514,082.² As seen in the graph below, materials expenditures made up the largest portion of the total, with 46.74% of aggregated expenses falling under a materials-related category.

• Law libraries reported a total of $14,893,320 on electronic materials, or a median of 15.27% of their total materials budgets. This includes a total of $13,167,729 on electronic serials.

Expenditures in ARL Law Libraries, 2005-06

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¹ 79 ARL university libraries included data for a Law library in the 2005-06 ARL Statistics; among them, Alberta, British Columbia, Laval, Manitoba, and Wayne State did not complete this survey. Alberta completed this survey in the past, but chose not to complete this survey in 2005-06. Colorado completed this survey but did not include a Law library on the ARL Statistics. Rutgers has two administratively independent Law libraries, which respond separately to this survey; they are aggregated together in the ARL Statistics.

² This figure includes Canadian universities, whose expenditures were converted to U.S. dollars at the rate of 1.16289 Can$ = 1 US$, the average monthly noon exchange rate published in the Bank of Canada Review for the period July 2005-June 2006.