HIGHLIGHTS
ARL ACADEMIC HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY STATISTICS, 2004-05

• Out of 113 ARL university libraries, 67 responded to this survey.¹

• Health Sciences libraries reported median values of 243,011 volumes held and 4,041 gross volumes added. The full-time equivalent of 2,537 staff were employed by these libraries during the year.

• Responding libraries reported total expenditures of $229,669,155.² As seen in the graph below, library materials made up the largest portion of that total, with 44.95% of aggregated expenses falling under that category.

• Health sciences libraries reported a total of $40,211,607 on electronic materials, or a median of 42.85% of their total materials budgets. This includes a total of $36,656,698 on electronic serials.

Expenditures in ARL Health Sciences Libraries, 2004-05

¹ 70 university libraries reported a Health Sciences library on the 2004-05 ARL Statistics. British Columbia, Brown, Laval, Manitoba, Missouri, and Wayne State included Health Sciences library data with the ARL Statistics, but did not respond to this survey. Cornell and Indiana did not include a Health Sciences library on the ARL Statistics, but submitted a response to this survey.

² This figure includes Canadian universities, whose expenditures were converted to U.S. dollars at the rate of 1.24971 Can$ = 1 US$, the average monthly noon exchange rate published in the Bank of Canada Review for the period July 2004-June 2005.