Highlights

ARL Academic Health Sciences Library Statistics 2009–2010

- Out of 115 ARL university libraries, 61 responded to this survey.¹

- Health sciences libraries reported median values of 227,492 volumes held and 1,926 gross volumes added. Also, these libraries employed the full-time equivalent of 2,061 staff members in the fiscal year 2009–2010.

- Responding libraries reported total expenditures of $229,202,513.² As seen in the graph below, materials expenditures made up the largest portion of the total, with over 50% of aggregated expenses falling under a materials-related category.

- Health sciences libraries reported a total of $91,354,237 in electronic materials expenditures, or a median of almost 89% of their total materials budgets. This includes a total of $88,531,989 in electronic serials expenditures.

Expenditures in ARL Academic Health Sciences Libraries 2009–2010

Library Materials 50.03%

Salaries & Wages 40.46%

Other Operating 9.29%

Contract Binding 0.21%

¹ Seventy-six ARL university libraries included data for a health sciences library in the 2009–2010 ARL Statistics. Among them, Alberta, British Columbia, Brown, Calgary, Johns Hopkins, Laval, Louisville, McGill, Manitoba, Missouri, Ohio, Ottawa, Pittsburgh, SUNY-Buffalo, Texas A&M, Toronto, and Wayne State did not complete this survey. McGill completed this survey in the past, but chose not to complete this survey in 2009–2010. Cornell and Indiana did not include health sciences library data in the ARL Statistics, but did respond to this survey.

² This figure includes Canadian universities, whose expenditures were converted to US dollars at the rate of 1.0556Can $ = 1 US$, the average monthly noon exchange rate published in the Bank of Canada Review for the period July 2009 to June 2010.