HIGHLIGHTS: ARL ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARY STATISTICS 2010–2011

- Out of 115 ARL university libraries, 74 responded to this survey.\(^1\)

- Law libraries reported median values of 370,485 volumes held and 6,457 gross volumes added. Also, these libraries employed the full-time equivalent of 1,987 staff members in the fiscal year 2010–2011.

- Responding libraries reported total expenditures of $216,677,517.\(^2\) As seen in the graph below, salary expenditures made up the largest portion of the total, with approximately 46% of aggregated expenses falling under a salaries-related category.

- Law libraries reported a total of $25,469,277 in electronic materials expenditures, or a median of almost 28% of their total materials budgets. This includes a total of $22,185,942 in electronic serials expenditures.

EXPENDITURES IN ARL ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES 2010–2011

Salaries & Wages 46.34%
Other Operating 7.13%
Contract Binding 0.52%
Library Materials 46.01%

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1 Eighty-two ARL university libraries included data for a law library in the 2010–2011 ARL Statistics. Among them, Alberta, British Columbia, Calgary, Laval, McGill, Manitoba, Ottawa, Pittsburgh, SUNY-Buffalo, and Wayne State did not complete this survey. Colorado completed this survey but did not include law library data in 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 1.0014 Can$ = 1 US$, the average monthly noon exchange rate published in the Bank of Canada Review for the period July 2010–June 2011.