Highlights: ARL Academic Health Sciences Library Statistics, 2011–2012

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

• Health Sciences libraries reported median values of 206,553 volumes held and 79,686 titles. Also, these libraries employed the full-time equivalent of 1,867 staff members in the fiscal year 2011–2012.

• Responding libraries reported total expenditures of $240,179,507.² As seen in the graph below, materials expenditures made up the largest portion of the total, with approximately 50% of aggregated expenses falling under a materials-related category.

• Health sciences libraries reported a total of $11,470,533 in one-time resource purchases and $105,414,313 in ongoing resource purchases.

Expenditures in ARL Academic Health Sciences Libraries 2011–2012

1  Seventy-seven ARL university libraries included data for a health sciences library in the 2011–2012 ARL Statistics. Among them, Alberta, British Columbia, Brown, Calgary, the University of California, San Diego, Johns Hopkins, Laval, Louisville, McGill, Manitoba, Missouri, Ohio, Ottawa, Pittsburgh, SUNY-Buffalo, Toronto, and Wayne State did not complete this survey. Indiana did not include health sciences library data in the ARL Statistics, but did respond to this survey. Cornell included data for the health sciences library for the first time this year.

2  This figure includes Canadian universities, whose expenditures were converted to U.S. dollars at the rate of 1.0037Can $ = 1 US$, the average monthly noon exchange rate published in the Bank of Canada Review for the period July 2011–June 2012.