Highlights

• Out of 115 ARL university libraries, 59 responded to this survey.¹

• Health sciences libraries reported median values of 186,049 volumes held and 89,888 titles. Also, these libraries employed the full-time equivalent of 1,645 staff members in the fiscal year 2014–2015.

• Responding libraries reported total expenditures of $235,354,367.² As seen in the graph below, library materials expenditures made up the largest portion of the total, with almost 56% of aggregated expenses falling under a materials-related category.

• Health sciences libraries reported a total of $7,679,692 in one-time resource purchases and $121,666,759 in ongoing resource purchases.

Expenditures in ARL Academic Health Sciences Libraries 2014–2015

1 Seventy-seven ARL university libraries included data for a health sciences library in the 2014–2015 ARL Statistics. Among them, Alberta, British Columbia, Brown, Calgary, University of California San Diego, Johns Hopkins, Laval, McGill, Manitoba, Missouri, Ohio, Ottawa, Pittsburgh, Queens, Rutgers, Saskatchewan, 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.

2 This figure includes Canadian universities, whose expenditures were converted to US dollars at the rate of 1.1739 Can$ = 1 US$, the average monthly noon exchange rate published in the Bank of Canada Review for the period July 2014–June 2015.