

ITHAKA S + R Faculty Survey: Preliminary Results from the Local Survey at the University of Florida

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BACKGROUND

ITHAKA: Survey population included faculty members at US higher education institutions ... covering all key fields **except** agriculture and health

UF: Survey population included agriculture and health because those disciplines represent a significant portion of our faculty and over 73% of our funded research

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ITHAKA: 5,261 responses (3.5% response rate)
33% from Sciences

UF: 344 responses (5.46% response rate)
56.1% from Sciences



PRELIMINARY RESULTS

ITHAKA: For known item searches

41% begin with the library website

34% begin with a specific scholarly database

UF: For known item searches

34% begin with the library website

46% begin with a specific scholarly database

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

ITHAKA: For new item searches

21% begin with the library website

51% begin with a specific scholarly database

UF: For new item searches

18% begin with the library website

66% begin with a specific scholarly database

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

ITHAKA: 16% of respondents strongly agree that “In the next 5 years, e-books will be so prevalent... it will not be necessary to maintain library [book] collections ” (12% R-1)

UF: 22% of respondents strongly agree that “In the next 5 years, e-books will be so prevalent...”

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

ITHAKA: 68% of respondents don't care if print journals are cancelled if electronic access is available (**70% R-1**)

UF: 78% of respondents don't care if print journals are cancelled if electronic access is available

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

ITHAKA: 53% of respondents are completely comfortable with journals ceasing to print and publishing only in electronic form (**56% R-1**)

UF: 69% of respondents completely comfortable with journals ceasing to print and publishing only in electronic form

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

ITHAKA: 54% of respondents say electronic versions of scholarly monographs are very important in research and teaching (**57% R-1**)

UF: 60% of respondents say electronic versions of scholarly monographs are very important in research and teaching

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

ITHAKA: 3-4% of respondents report replacing in-person laboratory exercises with digital simulations (**5% R-1**)

UF: 25% of respondents report replacing in-person laboratory exercises with digital simulations

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

ITHAKA: 56% of respondents say the primary responsibility of library is for research and teaching (66% R-1)

UF: 78% of respondents say the primary responsibility of library is for research and teaching

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

ITHAKA: 55% of respondents say the primary responsibility of the library is undergraduate student learning (**40% R-1**)

UF: 37% of respondents say the primary responsibility of the library is undergraduate student learning