

**The Survey of Academic Librarians:  
Opinion of Library Budget Priorities**

**Question Eight: Given limited resources and a fixed quantity to spend, should your library spend more on e-books? Keep in mind that you have a fixed budget and to spend more in some areas you must spend less in others.**

**Table 8.1: Given limited resources and a fixed quantity to spend, should your library spend more on e-books?**

	Yes	No
Entire Sample	21.31%	78.69%

**Table 8.2: Given limited resources and a fixed quantity to spend, should your library spend more on e-books? Broken out by a department.**

Department	Yes	No
Reference & Instruction	24.18%	75.82%
Acquisitions, Collection Development & Licensing	23.16%	76.84%
Special Collections & Archives	13.33%	86.67%
Administration	30.77%	69.23%
Cataloging & Technical Services	14.47%	85.53%
Circulation & Public Services	10.96%	89.04%

**Table 8.3: Given limited resources and a fixed quantity to spend, should your library spend more on e-books? Broken out by age.**

Age	Yes	No
<30	14.55%	85.45%
31-39	21.82%	78.18%
40-49	23.23%	76.77%
50-59	21.05%	78.95%
60>	23.60%	76.40%

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**Table 8.4: Given limited resources and a fixed quantity to spend, should your library spend more on e-books? Broken out by the level of educational attainment.**

Attainment	Yes	No
Do not have a college degree	16.00%	84.00%
Have an associates degree	18.18%	81.82%
Have a BA or BS degree	15.79%	84.21%
Have an MLS degree	22.02%	77.98%
Have an MLS degree as well as an additional Master's or professional school degree	22.95%	77.05%
Have a doctorate	25.00%	75.00%

**Table 8.5: Given limited resources and a fixed quantity to spend, should your library spend more on e-books? Broken out by the length of current employment.**

Length of Employment	Yes	No
Less Than Two Years	15.12%	84.88%
2-5 Years	20.77%	79.23%
5-10 Years	26.53%	73.47%
10-20 Years	20.93%	79.07%
More Than 20 Years	22.03%	77.97%

**Table 8.6: Given limited resources and a fixed quantity to spend, should your library spend more on e-books? Broken out by gender.**

Gender	Yes	No
Male	24.18%	75.82%
Female	20.15%	79.85%

**Table 8.7: Given limited resources and a fixed quantity to spend, should your library spend more on e-books? Broken out by library in public or private colleges.**

Type of College	Yes	No
Public College	20.89%	79.11%
Private College	22.39%	77.61%

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**Table 8.8: Given limited resources and a fixed quantity to spend, should your library spend more on e-books? Broken out by general Carnegie class of the institutions.**

Carnegie Class of the Institutions	Yes	No
Community College	23.71%	76.29%
BA or MA Granting	22.22%	77.78%
PHD-Level Granting Institution	19.23%	80.77%
Level 1 or Level 2 Research University	19.46%	80.54%

**Table 8.9: Given limited resources and a fixed quantity to spend, should your library spend more on e-books? Broken out by the enrollment level of the colleges.**

Enrollment Level	Yes	No
<1,000	29.51%	70.49%
1,000-2,500	16.46%	83.54%
>2,500-5,000	18.99%	81.01%
>5,000-10,000	18.64%	81.36%
>10,000-20,000	27.19%	72.81%
>20,000	20.00%	80.00%

**Table 8.10: Given limited resources and a fixed quantity to spend, should your library spend more on e-books? Broken out for college in the United States or Canada.**

Country	Yes	No
United States	21.01%	78.99%
Canada	26.67%	73.33%