

**The Survey of Academic Librarians:
Views on Library Information Literacy Efforts**

**Chapter 5: How would you describe the level of
information literacy of the students at your college?**

**Table 5.1: How would you describe the level of information literacy of
the students at your college?**

	Know shamefully little	Know a lot less about the library than they think they do	Generally know enough to get by but need to know more	Generally know enough to do well in their research projects	Know quite a lot
Entire Sample	4.96%	46.34%	38.15%	9.27%	1.29%

**Table 5.2: How would you describe the level of information literacy of
the students at your college? Broken out by a department.**

Code	Know shamefully little	Know a lot less about the library than they think they do	Generally know enough to get by but need to know more	Generally know enough to do well in their research projects	Know quite a lot
Reference & Instruction	4.61%	60.53%	30.26%	4.61%	0.00%
Acquisitions, Collection Development & Licensing	4.94%	43.21%	44.44%	4.94%	2.47%
Special Collections & Archives	8.11%	37.84%	32.43%	21.62%	0.00%
Administration	5.41%	35.14%	48.65%	9.46%	1.35%
Cataloging & Technical Services	4.76%	44.44%	31.75%	15.87%	3.17%
Circulation & Public Services	3.57%	35.71%	46.43%	12.50%	1.79%

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Table 5.3: How would you describe the level of information literacy of the students at your college? Broken out by age.

Age	Know shamefully little	Know a lot less about the library than they think they do	Generally know enough to get by but need to know more	Generally know enough to do well in their research projects	Know quite a lot
<30	4.76%	38.10%	38.10%	19.05%	0.00%
31-39	5.43%	52.17%	38.04%	3.26%	1.09%
40-49	9.33%	38.67%	44.00%	6.67%	1.33%
50-59	1.74%	47.67%	38.95%	9.88%	1.74%
60>	7.32%	48.78%	30.49%	12.20%	1.22%

Table 5.4: How would you describe the level of information literacy of the students at your college? Broken out by the level of educational attainment.

Attainment	Know shamefully little	Know a lot less about the library than they think they do	Generally know enough to get by but need to know more	Generally know enough to do well in their research projects	Know quite a lot
Do not have a college degree	0.00%	22.73%	50.00%	22.73%	4.55%
Have an associates degree	7.69%	53.85%	23.08%	15.38%	0.00%
Have a BA or BS degree	6.90%	37.93%	37.93%	13.79%	3.45%
Have an MLS degree	6.56%	49.18%	36.07%	7.65%	0.55%
Have an MLS degree as well as an additional Master's or professional school degree	2.58%	50.32%	40.65%	5.16%	1.29%
Have a doctorate	6.67%	43.33%	30.00%	20.00%	0.00%

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Table 5.5: How would you describe the level of information literacy of the students at your college? Broken out by the length of current employment.

Length of Employment	Know shamefully little	Know a lot less about the library than they think they do	Generally know enough to get by but need to know more	Generally know enough to do well in their research projects	Know quite a lot
Less Than Two Years	6.15%	46.15%	38.46%	9.23%	0.00%
2-5 Years	5.71%	55.24%	30.48%	7.62%	0.95%
5-10 Years	8.86%	37.97%	46.84%	5.06%	1.27%
10-20 Years	3.57%	45.54%	41.07%	8.04%	1.79%
More Than 20 Years	1.98%	44.55%	35.64%	15.84%	1.98%

Table 5.6: How would you describe the level of information literacy of the students at your college? Broken out by gender.

Gender	Know shamefully little	Know a lot less about the library than they think they do	Generally know enough to get by but need to know more	Generally know enough to do well in their research projects	Know quite a lot
Male	7.38%	47.54%	38.52%	6.56%	0.00%
Female	4.12%	46.18%	37.94%	10.00%	1.76%

Table 5.7: How would you describe the level of information literacy of the students at your college? Broken out by library in public or private colleges.

Type of College	Know shamefully little	Know a lot less about the library than they think they do	Generally know enough to get by but need to know more	Generally know enough to do well in their research projects	Know quite a lot
Public College	5.76%	49.57%	36.02%	7.20%	1.44%
Private College	2.63%	35.96%	45.61%	15.79%	0.00%

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Table 5.8: How would you describe the level of information literacy of the students at your college? Broken out by general Carnegie class of the institutions.

Carnegie Class of the Institutions	Know shamefully little	Know a lot less about the library than they think they do	Generally know enough to get by but need to know more	Generally know enough to do well in their research projects	Know quite a lot
Community College	12.20%	54.88%	28.05%	3.66%	1.22%
BA or MA Granting	3.40%	43.54%	46.94%	6.12%	0.00%
PHD-Level Granting Institution	0.00%	43.53%	37.65%	17.65%	1.18%
Level 1 or Level 2 Research University	5.52%	47.59%	33.79%	10.34%	2.76%

Table 5.9: How would you describe the level of information literacy of the students at your college? Broken out by the enrollment level of the colleges.

Enrollment Level	Know shamefully little	Know a lot less about the library than they think they do	Generally know enough to get by but need to know more	Generally know enough to do well in their research projects	Know quite a lot
<1,000	3.77%	45.28%	45.28%	5.66%	0.00%
1,000-2,500	7.46%	38.81%	44.78%	8.96%	0.00%
>2,500-5,000	2.82%	52.11%	32.39%	11.27%	1.41%
>5,000-10,000	3.09%	50.52%	40.21%	5.15%	1.03%
>10,000-20,000	5.38%	41.94%	43.01%	7.53%	2.15%
>20,000	13.64%	50.00%	20.45%	15.91%	0.00%

Table 5.10: How would you describe the level of information literacy of the students at your college? Broken out for college in the United States or Canada.

Country	Know shamefully little	Know a lot less about the library than they think they do	Generally know enough to get by but need to know more	Generally know enough to do well in their research projects	Know quite a lot
United States	5.23%	46.14%	37.50%	9.77%	1.36%
Canada	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%