

TS-SIS 2010 Membership Survey

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Welcome to the AALL TS-SIS 2010 Membership Survey. We appreciate the time you take to tell us about yourself and how we can serve you better.

1. Please check each responsibility that accounts for a significant portion (at least 10%) of your time at work:

Acquisitions	52	44%
Administration	59	50%
Cataloging	77	66%
Circulation	8	7%
Collection Development	45	38%
Government Documents	19	16%
ILS Management	44	38%
Interlibrary Loan	3	3%
IT (general)	6	5%
Knowledge Management	5	4%
Preservation	11	9%
Reference	29	25%
Rare Books and Archives	11	9%
Serials Management	57	49%
Teaching	6	5%
Web Management	12	10%
Other, please specify	7	6%

2. Please select the answer that represents the number of years you have worked in a law library:

0-1	3	3%
2-5	15	13%
6-10	19	16%
11-15	13	11%
16-20	23	20%
Over 20	44	38%
Total	117	100%

3. How long have you been a member of TS-SIS?

< 5 years	26	22%
5 - 10 years	30	26%
> 10 years	61	52%
Total	117	100%

4. What is your age group?		
<30 years old	3	3%
30-40 years old	17	15%
41-50 years old	29	25%
51-60 years old	49	42%
> 61 years old	19	16%
Total	117	100%

5. Please check the category that best describes your current status or employer (library) type:		
County or State Law Library	7	6%
Court Library	6	5%
Law Firm Library	9	8%
Other Private Law Library	0	0%
Law School Library	92	81%
Retired	0	0%
Student	0	0%
Unemployed	0	0%
Total	114	100%

6. Did you attend the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, DC ?		
Yes	70	60%
No	46	40%
Total	116	100%

7. Please indicate most succesful topic program of the past year (content, format, applicability, etc.)		
40 Responses		

8. Do you plan on attending the 2010 AALL Annual Meeting in Denver, CO?		
Yes	81	70%
No	35	30%
Total	116	100%

9. Please indicate your interest in these potential 2010 TS-SIS sponsored programs, roundtables, and meetings:			
Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Very Interested	Moderately Interested	Not Interested
Hot Topic Program	34 32%	69 65%	3 3%
How Are We To Accomplish That Much More With That Much Less?	50 47%	42 39%	15 14%
The Ever-Evolving World of Vendor-Supplied MARC Records	46 43%	44 41%	18 17%
What's in a Name: CORE and I-2, New Standards to Improve Efficiency in the Electronic Resources	34 32%	57 53%	16 15%
Acquisitions Standing Committee Meeting	19 19%	22 22%	60 59%
Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development	5 5%	38 38%	57 57%
Business Meeting and Awards	14 13%	52 49%	40 38%
Acquisitions Roundtable	23 23%	33 32%	46 45%
Cataloging and Classification Roundtable	48 45%	25 24%	33 31%
Cataloging and Classification Standing Committee Meeting	35 33%	27 26%	43 41%
Classification and Subject Cataloging Policy Advisory Working Group Meeting	28 26%	32 30%	48 44%
Descriptive Cataloging Advisory Policy Working Group Meeting	28 27%	29 28%	48 46%
Heads of Cataloging Roundtable	26 25%	30 29%	49 47%
Membership Committee Meeting	5 5%	20 20%	75 75%
New Catalogers Roundtable	8 8%	16 16%	79 77%
Preservation Standing Committee/Preservation and Binding Roundtable	4 4%	26 25%	73 71%
Rare Book Cataloging Roundtable	6 6%	21 20%	78 74%
Serials Standing Committee Meeting	21 21%	41 40%	40 39%
Task Force on Vendor-Supplied Bibliographic Records	30 28%	43 40%	34 32%
Technical Services Management Issues Roundtable	44 42%	49 46%	13 12%
Web Site Advisory Roundtable	9 9%	29 28%	64 63%
TS/OBS/RIPS/CS-SIS Joint Reception (sponsored by Innovative Interfaces)	34 32%	53 50%	20 19%

10. Please offer any program ideas, recommendations, suggestions, comments, or complaints on past/future TS-SIS sponsored educational programs:

Workflows in e-resource management digital repository issues.

The more practical & timely, the better.

I'd like to more programs on digital library resources and their management. Also, a review of all the changes in the core CONSER, PCC and full level cataloging records would be useful. The standards change but it's hard to keep track of what was changed. Anything on RDA is very timely.

Program/committee meeting conflicts; extra programs sponsored by SIS is a good idea, but with the shortened number of meeting days now have many more time conflicts.

I would like to see a program/workshop on law classification (aimed at the newer or new to law cataloger).

Always find nitty gritty how to do programs the best.

Why are so many proposed programs always for catalogers? Not all of us in TS are catalogers. How do we train new acquisitions librarians? Where does E-Resources management come in?

RDA of course is a topic of interest, as it proceeds through testing and evaluation. And on a related note, FRBR as reflected in RDA. How to reconcile batch records from vendors with provider neutral records in one's local ILS. MARC and its evolution/cessation or whatever.

Please offer overview of Provider-neutral record standard Looking forward to RDA/Semantic web discussion.

I have been overall pleased by TS-SIS sponsored programs. Of course, I would like MORE tech svcs programming, but wouldn't we all!

Future pricing models for online content.

RDA.

Programs have been very helpful and relevant.

Evolving tasks of serials librarian; serials acquisition trends and plans for the future; getting back to basics-whats in a collection; participating in the Exchange of Duplicates.

Look at issues being addressed by ALA. They are sometimes more up-to-date than our own programs, particularly those dealing with technology.

I don't normally attend AALL.

It's not that I'm necessarily "not interested" in attending meetings marked above -- it's just that there are too many conflicts for my time, especially if one is on several SIS committees.

Less conflicts between programs appealing to T.S. librarians.

RDA - very surprised not to see that as a program for 2010!

Please avoid schedule conflict with OBS programs.

Law cataloging workshop. Cataloging electronic resources. Vendor-supplied bibliographic records. Cataloging integrating resources. Make workshops online if one can't attend conference.

Number of programs has improved significantly -- I find plenty to work with.

11. Please tell us how you rate these TS-SIS Activities and Products:			
Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Worthwhile	Okay	Forget it
Awards/Scholarships/Grants and Brochure	53 49%	53 49%	3 3%
Joint Reception at AALL Annual Meeting	44 40%	52 47%	14 13%
TS-SIS Activities Table at AALL Annual Meeting	32 29%	67 61%	10 9%
Lists/Forums	75 68%	33 30%	2 2%
TS-SIS Website	73 64%	40 35%	1 1%
OBS/TS Joint Research Grant	36 34%	62 58%	9 8%
Strategic Plan	30 29%	61 60%	11 11%
Technical Services Law Librarian (newsletter)	97 87%	14 12%	1 1%
Question 11 comments.			

Awards/Scholarships/Grants and Brochure

ONLINE ONLY. There needs to be recognition, but stop spending money on publishing it.

Not sure I've seen it to comment.

I have to say, don't know what it is.

Joint Reception at AALL Annual Meeting

At this point why bother as AALL has the opening reception on the same night.

The Alphabet reception was always nice, but the shortened conf. time-frame makes it next to impossible to attend this anymore. It always gets dropped from my list of "things to do."

I enjoy the reception since it is at the beginning of the conference; it's a great chance to network.

I think it's one reception too many.

With the shorter meeting time, it's harder to find time for the reception.

It's time to retire this. Too many conflicts.

This is a nice get together but if the cost becomes prohibitive, I could see dropping it.

Invite a speaker.

I've always REALLY looked forward to this reception. But, I don't think it's what it used to be because of the shortened conference. There are too many conflicts. Which makes it odd that last year, although fewer people seemed to attend, the food was almost gone when I arrived about 20 minutes after it started. Bottom line: if many of us can't attend any longer, it's lost its purpose. Used to be great!

Possibly longer - can we get a second vendor to sponsor?

It has just gotten too big, too crowded, but I don't know what you can do about that.

There was a prospect of changing it to Friday, but it did not pass.

Lists/Forums

Perhaps have structured discussions on special topics, as ALCTS does. It'd help to keep TS members more connected throughout the year.

OBS/TS Joint Research Grant

Good idea--but no takers.

Has it been awarded lately? It seems to be languishing.

More publicity about the grant!

Strategic Plan

I would like to see us promoting TS to the students body to ensure our future existence.

One is needed; this looks fine.

Still seems applicable.

Probably due to be revisited and a new one written.

Strategic Plan mentions "Compose and add an FAQ section to the website" It's probably there and I just don't see it. Plan could use a bit more pizzaz. I know what we do is pretty much the same old thing as ever, but the plan should get people's attention more than it does.

This is very important, but it needs to be more vibrant and updated on a regular basis.

Haven't had time to review, so marked this "2" when it could be a NA.

Technical Services Law Librarian (newsletter)

It's always good; don't always have time to read in depth, but appreciate the contributions made by those who write the articles.

We're all used to reading the printed newsletter and its format of having articles continued on back pages. Online, that can be a bit of a pain. If the format stays the same, could their be an easy link to the continuing page?

Description and Access column back?

This has always been a useful publication.

I love this. It has so many interesting and worthwhile articles in it.

Shorter issues please.

I wish I didn't have to print it out now.

TS-SIS Activities Table at AALL Annual Meeting

I do visit the tables and look around, and I often help with various tables (volunteer to staff them), but I question more and more whether they are really worthwhile.

Not sure that much can be changed--there's so many tables so much alike.

Also, with the shorter meeting time, I often don't have time to go by any of the activity tables.

Have a raffle.

I'm torn with this one. To be honest, I only swing by this area once and quickly.

TS-SIS Website

I would like to add a search engine to the site and make it less crowded.

More content.

I must admit, I seldom go. Just never seem to make the time.

It's good and kept up to date -- thanks!

The website has alot of good information. But, if the current design could be tweaked a bit it would be helpful. It's hard to find what you're looking for sometimes. A searchbox would help.

It's too text-rich. I would like more headings so I can eye scan to find exactly what I want/need.

12. Please offer us some feedback on the TS-SIS website. What do you like and/or what would you change?:

More graphics.

It's basic but very easy to use. No one has lots of time to work on this (I assume). I think it's very functional. If someone has loads of time to spend (ha ha), then it could be made to look more interesting. However, it's easy to use in this format.

Committees should post more content.

I like it. It functions well for me.

It's too text based--just three columns. It needs some pictures, more exciting graphics and some visual organization so that topics are grouped together in sections so it is easier to "browse" and find things of interest.

I like that it is very easy to navigate.

I like that it is up-to-date. Martin does a great job.

Not sure what I'd change--it looks good, and I can find what I need.

Acquisitions links are lacking.

I can't find committee members -- just committee chairs.

I like the site and have been impressed by its evolution.

Don't go there very often.

Useful resources and information.

Promote the exchange of duplicates more.

I feel that it is short, to the point, and self explanatory.

I have to scroll down to find the roster of members. I'd prefer it placed more prominently. I'd also like to see the link to AALL's homepage more prominent.

It is okay.

Please see above. [Compiler note: assume this refers to a comment in question 11.]

Would love to see this moved to a content management system interface with various wikis and search capability across all content.

It is too static - just a placeholder for organizational information. Should be updated more regularly or should use more web 2.0 features.

It is a bit cluttered, but I can find my way.

It's too text-rich. I would like more headings so I can eye scan to find exactly what I want/need. Right now it's just line of text after line of text. I think it needs more white space. Or have less info. on the front page, but general headings to a user can select the appropriate sub-page to find the next layer of info.

Sorry, haven't been there in a long while.

Great job! Thank you for keeping up to date.

I don't usually have a reason to go there unless someone specifically points me in that direction -- the RSS feed is a good idea

13. Please answer some questions about Technical Services Law Librarian (our quarterly newsletter). Please evaluate TSLL columns based on their value to your current job and professional development.

	Very Relevant	Moderately Relevant	Not Relevant
Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.			
Acquisitions	49 44%	50 45%	13 12%
Classification	67 60%	31 28%	14 12%
Collection Development	56 50%	43 39%	12 11%
Description and Entry	61 54%	35 31%	16 14%
The Internet	51 46%	61 54%	0 0%
MARC Remarks	66 58%	33 29%	14 12%
Management Issues	62 55%	48 43%	2 2%
OCLC/RLIN	60 54%	40 36%	11 10%
Preservation	19 17%	56 51%	34 31%
Private Law Libraries	13 12%	30 27%	67 61%
Research and Publication	16 15%	66 60%	28 25%
Serials	61 55%	47 42%	3 3%
Serials Issues	67 60%	43 39%	1 1%
Subject Headings	57 53%	33 31%	18 17%
TechScans	43 39%	51 47%	15 14%

14. Please rank the overall quality of TSLL:

Excellent	73	63%
Good	40	35%
Fair	1	1%
Poor	1	1%
Total	115	100%

15. How much of each TSLI issue do you read?		
90-100%	37	32%
70-89%	32	28%
40-69%	28	25%
less than 40% (just a couple of columns)	17	15%
Total	114	100%

16. Do you have any ideas for new TSLI columns or features?

No.

Articles about stopping tech services processes (ie classification or serials kardexing) and affect on services).

An RDA column would probably be useful, along the lines of the classification column. Am I biting off more than I can chew to volunteer to help write it?

Sorry; I don't have any new ideas. But I do like what is existing!

Online materials/pricing & licensing issues.

No.

Need a bigger focus on impact of RDA (or will it be DOA). With cost issues that is possible here.

I'm sorry, I haven't had time to read it enough to rate it.

No, not at this time.

An RDA column.

17. Please let us know what could be improved in TSLI. List any areas of interest not currently covered or general comments:

I think it is a very superior publication that easily stands up with peer reviewed journals.

Please continue to keep us up-to-date on RDA and law materials.

It's great.

I find I read less of TSLI since it stopped being published in paper. When it was in paper format the large size and quarterly arrival was a nice treat to settle down with over lunch or at the reference desk. Now that it is online only, I find I read much less of it - sometimes forgetting to go back and read it at all. I've wondered if the online only format should move TSLI to a more frequent, with less content, newsletter. TSLI could still have all the same columns - maybe more - they would just be staggered over smaller monthly issues. One month would have 3 columns and the next month would have 3 different columns, etc. It would help keep things more timely as well - since any given month could feature a column if there was something needing to be said on that topic.

18. How can TS-SIS serve you better? By volunteering you can help us make a difference :)

Next time please remember to include "general academic libraries" under Question 5; I know I'm not the only AALL member who works at one...

Happy to help. I've already volunteered for the Education Committee again.

I filled out the form, but I'm currently the Chair of OBS, so don't have much time this year.

As I mentioned previously, connecting more with TS members throughout the year (between conferences) would be good. I'm not exactly sure how, maybe with updates from the Chair/Board on what is happening behind the scenes, structured discussions, etc.

More programs at annual meeting.

I believe that too much is "always done this way." Too many of the same people run things and do not give newer members (whether young OR old in age) a chance to do things -- or give them proper credit when they do.

I filled out the volunteer form this morning ;)

19. To enter a drawing to win a \$25 amazon.com Gift Card, please provide us with your contact information :

117 Responses