

END OF FUNDING PERIOD REPORT

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TITLE OF PROJECT: Assessing Preferences for Collections Access: Poster Session

Time Period of Grant: 2013-2014

Amount of Award Received: \$500.00

Original Abstract as Submitted:

Due to seismic retrofitting and fire safety requirements, the UCSB Library needs to permanently relocate up to 20% of the collections. To mitigate the on-site losses, it was critical to obtain information from faculty and graduate students about impacts of alternatives for accessing materials. In spring 2012, an ad hoc committee of faculty and student representatives was convened to advise the library. Working with a library support team of three in collaboration with the UCSB Social Science survey Center, the committee developed the UCSB Library Collections Survey, designed to answer two primary questions:

1. What are behaviors and preferences relative to accessing the Library's physical collections?
2. What are the perceived impacts to research and instruction associated with alternative access strategies?

The survey was distributed to all faculty and graduate students in May 2012. Based on the survey outcomes and data, several planning options were identified for achieving the needed reduction of the onsite collection with the least impact to research and teaching. The six broad strategies that we are using, and which we will detail in the poster session, are based on these planning options and are consistent with the survey data.

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS and EVALUATION

- **Describe what was achieved during the time period of the grant.**

Poster presentation and attendance at the LAUC-B Conference: Making it Count:

Opportunities and Challenges for Library Assessment, October 25, 2013, Berkeley, CA

- **What aspects were completed as proposed? If your study could not be completed as proposed, explain how your plans were altered.**

The poster was created for the conference as it was proposed: it addressed results from a survey used to assess collection use behaviors and described the strategies used to reduce the library's onsite collection.

- **Did the project accomplish what it intended? Did it make a difference?**

- **Include any relevant quantitative data, if applicable (e.g. How many individuals have benefited from this project? In what way? This may include various output measures such as circulation, reference transactions, program attendance, survey responses, etc. as appropriate.)**
- **Include any anecdotes, if applicable.**

The project did accomplish what was intended. Through one-on-one discussions during the poster session scheduled time, options for reducing the physical footprint of collections were described and details were offered to those who were addressing the same need for space. Following the conference, several librarians emailed me directly to inquire more specifically about the survey and requested additional information, including the survey itself and the results from the survey.

- **What would you do differently next time, if anything?**
- **What advice do you have for others applying for LAUC research grants?**

II. IS YOUR PROJECT COMPLETED? Yes X No

If No, what is needed to complete the project? Is more time needed? Or more funds?

III. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Please explain how the funds received were spent. Attach your original budget and indicate how well your estimates matched with actual expenditures. Receipts are not necessary.

I received a \$500 presentation grant from LAUC to attend and present a poster at the LAUC-B Conference: Making it Count: Opportunities and Challenges for Library Assessment, October 25, 2013, Berkeley, CA. It was combined with additional professional development funding to cover the expense of my trip which included the cost of the poster, transportation, lodging and per diem.

IV. SHARING YOUR PRODUCT/RESULTS

What are your plans for disseminating the results of your work? If it will be a web page or product, or published article or book, when will it be available to the public? Include citations/URLs if known.

In addition to disseminating information at the LAUC-B conference, a pdf of the poster was made available on the LAUC-B website:

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/LAUC/sites/8086.ucblibrary3.berkeley.edu/LAUCB/files/uploads/pdf/LAUC-B%20poster-Final.pdf>

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