OBS Survey Responses 2006

Did you attend the 2005 Annual Meeting in San Antonio?

Yes 47 no 22

Do you plan to attend the 2006 Annual Meeting in St. Louis?

Yes 57 no 12

In the following list, please check each responsibility that accounts for a significant portion of your time at work (at least 10%).

- Acquisitions 25
- Administration 40
- Cataloging 54
- Circulation 2
- Collection Development 23
- Government Documents 11
- ILS Management 28
- Interlibrary Loan 5
- IT (general) 8
- Knowledge Management 5
- Preservation 8
- Reference 20
- Serials 33
- Teaching 6
- Web Management 10

Please check the category that represents the number of years you have worked in a law library:

- 0-1 2
- 1-5 9
- 5-10 9
- 10-15 7
- 15-20 13
- 20 or more 31
Please check the category that best describes your employer or status:

student 0
law firm library 2
other private law library 4
law school library 59
county or state law library 4
court library 2
unemployed 0
other 0

San Antonio 2005. Please give us feedback on these OBS sponsored programs and discussion groups:

Roy Tennant Plenary Session: Building Libraries Our Users Deserve
attended? Yes 31 no 28
very relevant 28 moderately relevant 9 not relevant 1

Roy Tennant on the Top Trends in Library Systems
attended? Yes 34 no 25
very relevant 27 moderately relevant 14 not relevant 1

Nabbing vs. Sharing: Z39.50 and the Ethics of Directly Importing MARC Records
attended? Yes 32 no 27
very relevant 26 moderately relevant 13 not relevant 4

The ABC’s of TOCs: Enhancing Your OPAC with Tables of Contents
attended? Yes 28 no 33
very relevant 21 moderately relevant 16 not relevant 0

Federated Searching and Open URL
attended? Yes 20 no 40
very relevant 23 moderately relevant 6 not relevant 1
Local Systems Committee Open Discussion

attended? Yes 9 no 52
very relevant 14 moderately relevant 8 not relevant 1

OCLC/WLN Committee Open Discussion

attended? Yes 13 no 46
very relevant 17 moderately relevant 4 not relevant 4

RLIN Committee Open Discussion

attended? Yes 2 no 57
very relevant 5 moderately relevant 3 not relevant 10

St. Louis 2006. Please give us feedback on these OBS sponsored programs:

“Give Me One Box to Access our Electronic Resources”: The Pioneering Google Search Appliance Beta Test

would attend? Yes 62 no 6
very relevant 43 moderately relevant 18 not relevant 0

Technology Scouts: How to Keep Your Library and ILS Current in the IT World

would attend? Yes 51 no 17
very relevant 37 moderately relevant 17 not relevant 4

Electronic Serials Cataloging Workshop (Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program)

would attend? Yes 27 no 40
very relevant 32 moderately relevant 15 not relevant 2

New Orleans 2007. Please indicate your interest in these potential program topics:
Open Source ILS software (eg. KOHA)

would attend? Yes  41    no  26

very relevant  14    moderately relevant  29    not relevant  9

Voice recognition software

would attend? Yes  19    no  48

very relevant  3    moderately relevant  23    not relevant  20

Workshop on MARC holdings now that OCLC is putting them to use

would attend? Yes  50    no  17

very relevant  37    moderately relevant  15    not relevant  1

Survey of how we provide access to e-resources: are we content yet?

would attend? Yes  63    no  3

very relevant  46    moderately relevant  11    not relevant  0

Non-traditional metadata databases

would attend? Yes  55 no  15

very relevant  11    moderately relevant  41    not relevant  1

Standards for archival collection metadata

would attend? Yes  36    no  30

very relevant  9    moderately relevant  31    not relevant  6

Digitizing projects: who, what, where, when and how?

would attend? Yes  49    no  19

very relevant  10    moderately relevant  38    not relevant  5
Institutional repositories

would attend? Yes 35 no 31

very relevant 12 moderately relevant 25 not relevant 9

Report: "Rethinking How we Provide Bibliographic Services for the University of California"

would attend? Yes 40 no 26

very relevant 21 moderately relevant 19 not relevant 10

Here is where you get to complain, recommend or comment on OBS past or future programs and discussion groups. Let us know if there are other discussion groups we should start. Don't be shy.

If there isn't going to be a "Basic cataloging institute" offered as a traveling roadshow in various parts of the country, it has to be offered at AALL annual at least every 3 years.

The programs and discussions I have attended in the past two conferences have been good. A picky request: everyone seems to already know each other and they don't introduce themselves at the programs. That would help a relatively new person like me. Could people please introduce themselves before a meeting, and possibly say where they are from or what kind of library they represent? thanks!


Just try to keep the OBS programs in a different time slot from the TS programs. I like to attend both but usually have to choose one or the other.

Please continue to cover trends in the ILS world as well as ways libraries are "getting around" some problems that our ILS's are unwilling or unable to address.

I have high hopes for the "technology scouts" program. How about a similar program on general books or international books vendors for next year?

The OCLC updates are always valuable, even if they sometimes become complaint sessions. Many of us either don't have easy access to our network training sessions, or don't have them at all, so the sessions at the convention help with what's up lately. Does OBS plan on some counter

Can't think of anything. My general impression is of relevant, interesting programs.

I am a very experienced cataloger and manager and most programs, even though they are billed as intermediate or advanced, they are usually too basic. I want nitty gritty programs on how to apply technology, training and management skills and such. Many programs offered lately are
just not relevant to my work. As an example, I'm not involved in archival collections, so I
wouldn't be interested in that program. I would like programs on motivating senior staff,
thinking outside the box and managing peers.

We will never be part of OCLC, but would like to organize materials in the best way. Beginners/
refereehrs.

The programs are good

The ideas for 2007 sound wonderful and it's great to have them ready to go now, rather than
scrambling this summer.

Kudos to OBS for the excellent programs that it is presenting.

I like 2006 programs which is more focused on e

OBS has stretched over the years as the model for bibliographic info delivery has changed. OBS
is more important than ever as we figure out how to take advantage of enhanced ILS that stretch
way beyond an electronic copy of the card catalog. In fact, the library systems are only a small
part of the information portal systems available on many campuses. OBS programs should stay
focused on these technological trends.

This is probably just me. I'd like to learn how to run useful reports and statistics on acquisitions
and funds in III. Maybe a program on the acquisitions modules of all LMSs?

First, I'd like to appologize for being unable to attend AALL for a while. I've been focusing more
on CALL these days. Programs looked great for 2005 and 2007, but appear a tad weak re: 2006.

One thing I'm starting to think about more is how acquisitions fits into the big picture. Maybe a
program dealing with that would be interesting?

I think we tend to discuss and propose the same topics frequently. OPAC content issues, system
trends, google. The institutional repository program and the report on the UC "Rethinking"
report are good examples of thinking outside the box.

**OBS SIS Activities and Products: please rate**

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OBS/TS Joint Research Grant worthwhile 26 OK 29 not worth my time 10

Joint Reception at AALL Annual Meeting worthwhile 30 OK 35 not worth my time 2

Activities Table including Paperback Exchange worthwhile 23 OK 36 not worth my time 7

MARBI Representative worthwhile 44 OK 15 not worth my time 6

OBS-SIS Website

What do you like about the OBS Website?

nicely organized w/o a lot of graphics or fancy design

Everything about the site

Nicely laid out and easy to navigate, as I would expect from this SIS!

Sad to say, I have not used this site.

Functionality and easy navigation

Easy to find information

Nice and clean -- easy to navigate through. Add copyright date or last updated date.

Fascinating info!!

It is easy to find what you are looking for.

Clean, easy to navigate

very user friendly for those of us always in a hurry

easy to navigate
First page layout is excellent

Clear, informative, logical links. I like quick links.

I have just now taken a look at it and liked the fact that the links to ...

I think that it is a very good web site; however, I rarely use it. I like the fact that it has an index, the web site of the month and various reports.

I don't use it enough to comment intelligently, but it looks okay to me.

What's New & Annual Meetings Activities

I like it's simple, clean design and easy navigation. The content is useful to me in my work on OBS committees. I like that the website of the month is archived there.

It is easy to navigate.

I like its simplicity.

Nice, clean look; easy to navigate & use; makes relevant and useful information easily accessible.

Nice, clean look & easy navigation

The A to Z index

everything

Well organized and easy to navigate

Looks like there's lot's of information to be had.

Overall design is great. Very easy to navigate. Highlights: member contributions (like "Typos in OPACS); Procedures manuals; Website of the month.

Comprehensive, easy to use.

What would you change about the OBS Website?

the turquoise color (just personal preference)

Update more often. Website of the month is still December
More updated content, or more notice when content IS updated
Publicize it more -- remind me to use it.

The NEWS is so out

Make Annual Reports current

It could be a little more current. Maybe it's time to get some links to blogs and podcasts (new technology) on the OBS website. Anything new that's added should be announced on the OBS e

Consider posting short current awareness articles to the website.

Need more communication as opposed to information. Not clear how up

More frequent updates, but that's a usual problem.

**How can OBS serve you better?**

I would appreciate a little more communication from the OBS Board on the issues they are dealing with via the e

Maybe OBS could have a focus session at the Annual Meeting to get even more feedback.

Keep the website of the month coming, we add each record to our online catalog. Thanks! Add an ERM committee or discussion group

some of us do not have the time or resources to be as technically engaged. I would offer some "bac to basics"

Thanks.

I just need to participate. I have been focussed on creating a website for the last 10 years and simply have not kept up with Technical Services issues.

We need to advertise OBS better. Please submit articles to the SIS Section of the Spectrum newsletter.

Doing a great job and it keeps getting better!

The survey was a good idea as was the countdown to the deadline. Possibly OBS could use a higher profile to make AALL members more aware of its offerings.

**TSLL (Technical Services Law Librarian)**

Please evaluate the TSLL columns based on their value to your current job and professional development.
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