

# LIBRARY JOURNAL

## 2012 Budget Survey

1. In which state is your library located? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How would you characterize your library's location? Check all that apply.  
 Urban       Suburban       Small town       Rural
3. What is the total population served by your library? # \_\_\_\_\_
4. Does your library have branches?       No  
 Yes, how many branches? \_\_\_\_\_ Do not include main/central branch
5. How many full time equivalent staff do you have in total?  
Please answer for main library plus any branch libraries. # FTE staff \_\_\_\_\_
6. How has your FTE staffing changed in the past 12 months?  
 Increased by: \_\_\_\_\_ # staff       Decreased by: \_\_\_\_\_ # staff       No change
7. How many hours is your library open in an average week?  
Please answer for main library plus any branch libraries. Total # hours: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Does your current number of open hours represent an increase, decrease, or no change from 12 months ago?  
 Increase of: \_\_\_\_\_ # hours       Decrease of: \_\_\_\_\_ # hours       No change
9. What was your library's total circulation in 2011? # \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete all questions pertaining to fiscal year according to your library's fiscal year structure.  
'11 = January through December fiscal year    '11/12 = July through June, June through May fiscal year or other FY time period

10. Please indicate your library's budget for the last fiscal year and the current fiscal year. *Please include any grant money or donations you have received.*

	Last Fiscal Year ( '11 or '11/'12)	Current Fiscal Year ( '12 or '12/ '13)
Total Operating budget:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Materials budget:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Salary/Personnel budget:	\$ _____	\$ _____

11. Approximately what percent of your materials budget was devoted to each of the following material types this fiscal year?

Books	%
Ebooks	%
Audiobooks	%
DVDs/downloadable movies	%
Music CDs/downloadable music	%
Other electronic products (including reference)	%
Other	%

12. **Is your library part of an independent library district for funding or do you receive an annual budget appropriation from a local government entity?**  
 Funding through independent library district  
 Subject to local annual budget appropriation  
 Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

[Answer Q.13 if library if subject to an annual budget appropriation]

13. **Do you feel your library was treated fairly in relation to other government sectors at budget time?**  
 Yes  
 No (Please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

14. **Has your library's state funding increased, decreased or stayed the same versus last fiscal year?**  
 Increased by: \_\_\_\_\_ %       Decreased by: \_\_\_\_\_ %       No change

15. **What kind of local political and community support does your library have?**

**Political Support**

- Supportive / Committed to library's value  
 Somewhere in the middle  
 Unsupportive / Politicians consider library low on the list

**Community Support**

- Strong Friends Group/Foundation/Advocates  
 Some advocacy, but not entrenched  
 Uncommitted community

16. **What are your library's major budget challenges? (check all that apply)**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rising staffing costs (insurance/benefits/retirement) | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital expenses (building renovation/expansion project) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rising energy costs                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for updated collection                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rising materials costs                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Increased demand for services/programs                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology costs                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for new media                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> None   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax reduction/cap                                     |   |

17. **What methods have been most effective in coping with budget limitations in your library? Which approaches, if any, have proven less successful?**
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

18. **May *Library Journal* quote you by name for publication?**     Yes, you may use my name  
 No, please do not use my name

19. **Are you interested in entering the drawing for one of five \$100 Am Ex gift cards?**  
*Five gift cards will be given away.*     Yes     No thanks

Please fill in your contact information even if you are not entering in the drawing. We may wish to contact you to clarify a response. All requests for anonymity will be honored and we guarantee this information will not be shared with any third parties.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Library: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for participating!**

Please enter your survey responses online using this web address (peferable):

[www.LibraryJournal.com/budget](http://www.LibraryJournal.com/budget)

- Or - fax the survey to 973-969-9260

- Or - email the survey to [Lgirmscheid@mediasourceinc.com](mailto:Lgirmscheid@mediasourceinc.com)