

School Library Journal

For Children's, Young Adult and School Librarians

2012 School Technology Survey

1. Do you work in a school library (PreK-12)?
 Yes
 No (if no, end of survey. This survey is for individuals working in a PreK-12 library.)

School Profile

2. How many different schools do you work in? 1 2 3 or more, please specify # _____ District level # schools _____

Note: If you work in more than one school or at the district level, please answer all questions for the total number of students you serve.

3. What grade levels do you serve in your school(s)? Check all that apply.
 Elementary K-8 Other (specify) _____
 Middle 7-12
 High K-12
4. Is your school public or private? Public Private/Parochial Charter
5. What is your school's current enrollment? _____
6. What is your library media center's total budget for the '11/'12 school year (not including salaries)?
 Less than \$2,500 \$15,000 - \$19,999
 \$2,500 - \$4,999 \$20,000 - \$24,999
 \$5,000 - \$9,999 \$25,000 - \$29,999
 \$10,000 - \$14,999 \$30,000 or more
7. Is your school currently classified as Title I? Yes No Don't know
8. In which state is your school located? _____
9. In which type of community is your school located? (select predominant type)
 Urban
 Suburban
 Rural

Technology Integration

10. Which of the following tools do you use with students and teachers in your school? And which tools that you are not currently using do you plan to use within the next year? (Check all that apply under each column.)

	Currently Using	Plan to Use
Blogs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wikis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1-to-1 computing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open source technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Video equipment/software	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photography equipment/software	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ebooks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ereading devices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile devices (e.g., smartphones, iPod Touch, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tablets (e.g., iPad)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Apps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital subscriptions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free Web-based resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interactive whiteboards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social applications (e.g., Facebook, GoodReads, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online communities (Ning groups, community forums)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Web-based tools (e.g. Glogster)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Podcasting/audio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. What are some free Web-based resources that you have used successfully in your school or library? Please list up to three and give the best examples of how each was used.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

12. Does your school have adequate bandwidth to support tech initiatives?

- Yes, the school has adequate bandwidth to suit current needs
 No, we do not have enough bandwidth for even the most basic digital initiatives

Filtering

13. How would you describe Internet filtering at your school?

- There is no filtering, or I'm not affected by filtering
 The filter limits some access, but general usage is OK
 Filtering blocks access to social networks or other 2.0 type sites
 The filter severely restricts access to even basic knowledge searches

14. Have you ever tried to have any sites unblocked? Yes No

15. If yes, which sites did you attempt to have unblocked and were you successful?

	Tried to unblock	Successful?	Details:
YouTube	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Blogging site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Other, Please specify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

16. What, if anything, would you change about your school's filtering policy?

Mobile Devices

17. What percent of your student body would you estimate currently has a personal mobile device (e.g., smart phone, iPod Touch, iPad or other tablet)?

- 0%
 1- 20%
 21% - 40%
 41% - 60%
 61% - 80%
 81% - 99%
 100%

18. Are students allowed to use personal mobile devices in your school during school hours?

- Yes
- No

Comments: _____

19. Which mobile devices are currently used in your school by one or more classes for any type of instruction? Check all that apply.

- iPod Touch
- iPad or other tablet
- Smartphone
- Other (specify) _____
- We don't use mobile devices for school instruction

20. If yes, how are mobile devices used for learning?

Ebooks

21. Does your library have ebooks?

- Yes (Skip to Q24)
- No

22. [if no ebooks] What are your plans for library ebook purchases in the next two years?

- I will definitely purchase ebooks to add to our collection
- I may purchase ebooks, but it is not a priority
- I will definitely NOT purchase ebooks to add to our collection
- I do not anticipate having a book budget in the next two years.
- Other (specify) _____

23. [if no ebooks] What are the biggest obstacles to ebook implementation in your library? (check all that apply)

- Logistics/how to implement
- Lack of desired books available in ebook format
- Lack of devices to read ebooks
- Publishers' pricing models
- Lack of administrative support
- Digital rights management is too restrictive
- Insufficient funds
- Other (specify) _____

24. [if currently have ebooks] Approximately how many ebooks are available in your LMC's collection? _____

25. [if currently have ebooks] What percent of these are reference or non-circulating ebooks versus circulating ebooks?

_____ % Reference/non-circulating ebooks

_____ % Circulating ebooks

26. [if currently have ebooks] What device(s) do library users use most often use to read ebooks in school?

Check all that apply.

- Personal laptop/desktop/Netbook
- Library computer
- Dedicated ebook reader (e.g., Kindle, Nook, Sony Reader)
- Tablet (e.g., iPad, Kindle Fire)
- Smartphone or other mobile device
- Other: _____
- Don't know

27. [if currently have ebooks] Which ebook providers is your library using? (Check all that apply)

Which is your primary provider?

- FollettShelf
- OverDrive School Download Library
- Gale Virtual Reference Library
- Baker & Taylor Axis 360

- Mackin VIA
- EbscoHost
- Direct from publisher
- Amazon.com
- Barnes & Noble
- itunes
- Other (specify) _____

28. [\[if currently have ebooks\]](#) What are your sources of funding for ebooks? (Check all that apply)

- Materials budget
- Technology budget
- Bought at state or district level
- Grant
- Other _____

29. [\[if currently have ebooks\]](#) Does your library have any dedicated ereading devices?

- Yes, how many? # _____
- No

30. If yes, what types of devices do you have in your library?

- Kindle
- iPad
- Kindle Fire
- Sony Reader
- NOOK
- Kobo Reader
- NOOK Color
- Other (specify) _____

31. If yes, do you circulate your ereading devices? Yes No, for in-school use only

Social Applications

32. Which of the following social applications do you use to support teaching and learning in your school?

- Delicious
- Ning or other online communities
- Diigo
- Pinterest
- Edmodo
- Tumblr
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Flickr
- Other (Specify) _____
- Google +
- I don't use social networks for school
- GoodReads

33. [\[if use any social apps in Q32\]](#) How do you use social applications to support teaching and learning in your school?

- Share information about library
- Market library's holdings
- Introduce students to new websites/tools
- Communicate with students about their projects
- Communicate with parents
- Share student work
- Other (specify) _____

34. Does your library have its own Facebook page?

- Yes
- No

School Library Website

35. Does your school library have a website?

- Yes, independent school library website
- Yes, library webpage on school/district website
- No ([Go to Q37](#))

36. Does your library website provide access to/integrate the following? (Check all that apply)

- OPAC
- Electronic reference resources
- Electronic pathfinders or bibliographies
- Distance learning resources
- Widgets If so, what kind? _____
- Link to Web-based tools (library's Flickr page, for example)
- School or district-wide digital repository
- Links to teachers' pages
- Librarian blog
- Other (specify) _____

Professional Development

37. What sources do you use for finding out about the latest technologies and how to use them to achieve your goals?

- School Library Journal*
- Other trade publication(s) (specify) _____
- Consumer publication(s) (specify) _____
- Word of mouth from peers, etc.
- Listservs
- Blogs (specify) _____
- Twitter
- Webcasts/Webinars
- Conferences and tradeshows
- Other (specify) _____

38. Do you feel you are up-to-date with the latest information regarding the following technologies?

	Up-to-date	Not up-to-date	Interested in professional development in this area
Free Web-based tools for teaching & learning (e.g. VoiceThread)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creating an ebook collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Productivity tools (e.g. Google Apps)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open content (e.g. OER Commons)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using social networks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The best resources on the Web	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please specify other areas you'd like professional development in:			

39. Not counting lack of funds, what is the biggest challenge to incorporating technology into your school or library?

40. Do you feel your technology skills make you more secure in your job?

- Definitely
- Somewhat
- No

41. Are you viewed as a technology leader in your school? Yes No

42. Which of the following statement(s) describe your involvement in technology usage at your school? (Check all that apply)

- I am responsible for technology usage in the library
- I help introduce technology at the classroom level
- I impact technology adoption school-wide
- I officially serve on my school's tech team
- I officially serve on the district's tech team
- None of the above

43. Are you responsible for purchasing or recommending any of the following technology for your school and/or district?
(Check all that apply under each column)

	For my school	For my district
ebooks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subscription databases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Web-based services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Video streaming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Computers and other equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interactive whiteboards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

About You

44. What is your job title?
 School library media specialist
 Teacher librarian
 School librarian
 District library media coordinator
 Library media generalist
 Other (specify) _____
45. What are your total years of experience working in a school library? _____ years
46. What is your current age?
 Under 25 45 – 54
 25 – 34 55 – 64
 35 – 44 65 or older
47. What is your highest level of education?
 B.A. or B.S. Masters Other _____
 Education Specialist Doctorate
48. Do you subscribe to School Library Journal in print?
 Yes, I have a personal subscription
 Yes, I receive a routed copy at work
 No
49. May we quote you by name for publication in the SLJ school technology survey article?
 Yes, SLJ has permission to use my name
 No, please do not use my name
50. Are you interested in entering the drawing for the new Apple iPad?
 Yes
 No, thanks

Please provide information as to how we may contact you. We will honor requests for anonymity and guarantee this information will not be shared with any third parties.

Your Name: _____ School: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Telephone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Thank you for participating in this survey!
 Answer online: <http://app.fluidsurveys.com/s/2012techsurvey/> or fax to 973-969-9260