OCLC Roundtable Discussion, Dec. 16, 2015, on IPEDS/ACRL Reporting

Some pointers - **current data collection for both surveys is fiscal year 2014-15**

- IPEDS uses date for when data collection takes place, so it is IPEDS 2015-16, but the data is from 2014-15
- ACRL uses date for when data is collected, so it is ACRL Survey 2014-15

**IPEDS** - **Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System** - opened Dec. 9th, due April 6; **your Institutional Research Office will have the key for entering data**

- Academic Libraries Information Center (IPEDS) - [http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/Section/ALscenter](http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/Section/ALscenter)
  - Under Data Collection - 2015-16 AL Changes (see list of changes for this year)
  - Under Survey Materials - Form - *there is a copy of the survey form*. Selecting any link will take one to the definitions - please be sure to review the definitions
- 2013-14 first year for annual data gathering under IPEDS
  - Replaced biennial **Academic Library Survey (ALS)** - NCES collected data from 1996-2012
  - Required completion by every institution that receives federal funding (all of us)
- Because this is part of the annual data report for the entire institution, certain data items are not collected by library component of IPEDS (staffing for example)
- Any changes to the survey need to go through the OMB and require two years to process
- No editorial board at this time

**ACRL Annual Survey** - open now, closes in April 2016 - email sent from info@countingopinions.com with logon information in September

- [https://acrl.countingopinions.com/](https://acrl.countingopinions.com/) link to survey, instructions, and FAQs
- 2014-15 ACRL Survey - first year of revised survey and also adjusted for data not collected by IPEDS
- Three objectives:
  - One response for two surveys - IPEDS and ACRL
  - Timeliness - responses to this survey will be available within a few months of the April (2016) closing date (IPEDS 12-18 months)
  - Restores measures once formerly collected through the biennial NCES Academic Library Survey (discontinued 2012) that have proved over the years to facilitate benchmarking and best practices studies
- Another objective - ability to revise as needed, and be responsive to changes
- Editorial Board for managing survey, responding to questions, managing annual trends questions, and adjusting/revising/updating definitions
- 2013-14 - 1,408 libraries (out of 3,298) participated

**Resources**

- 2015 ACRL Survey Form and Instructions - [https://acrl.countingopinions.com](https://acrl.countingopinions.com)
- IPEDS Academic Library Component - [https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/VisChangesForNextYear.aspx](https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/VisChangesForNextYear.aspx)
  - Scroll to bottom for list of changes for AL component
- Questions - please send to acrlsupport@countingopinions.com
- arl-assess@arl.org - assessment list which does bring up and answer questions about the survey

ALA Midwinter Meetings
- ACRL Survey Update Session - Sat. Jan. 9, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Room 253 B

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