

# 2003-2004 Survey of Music Collections in the United States Public Libraries

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**Note:** Due to rounding, percentage totals may not add to 100. In addition, actual counts, rather than percentages, are presented for some categories when the number of valid responses is too low to provide a meaningful percentage. In these cases, the percent sign label (%) is replaced by the number sign label (#).

## Report Outline:

- 1) Institution Description
- 2) Facilities
- 3) Services
- 4) Staff
- 5) Resources
- 6) Expenditures

**Number of responses:** 10

## 1) Institution Description

- a) Population of Official Service Area

	%
Less than 750,000	70
750,000 or more	30

- b) Description of Official Service Area

	%
Rural	0
Suburban	20
Urban	80

## 2) Facilities

### a) Music Collection Location

#### Total

	%*
Own Building	0
Distinct Area	100
Integrated	40

\* 40% of respondents have music collections in two or more locations

#### By Population of Official Service Area

	Less than 750,000	750,000 or more
Own Building	0%	0%
Distinct Area	100	100
Integrated	29	67

### b) Music Cataloging Location

#### Total

	%*
In-house	100
Off-site (“outsourced”)	40

\* 40% of respondents have materials cataloged in both locations

#### By Population of Official Service Area

	Less than 750,000	750,000 or more
In-house	100%	100%
Off-site (“outsourced”)	29	67

### c) Processing, Repair, Binding Location

	%*
In-house	100
Off-site (“outsourced”)	80

\* 80% of respondents perform these functions in both locations

d) Facility Improvement

Total

	%*
Construction	20
Expansion	0
Renovation	20
Nothing	70

\* 10% of respondents made two or more types of improvements

**3) Services**

a) Operating Hours

Total

	%
Less than 25	0
25 to 49	30
50 to 74	70
75 to 99	0
100 or more	0

By Population of Official Service Area

	Less than 750,000	750,000 or more
Less than 25	0%	0%
25 to 49	14	67
50 to 74	86	33
75 to 99	0	0
100 or more	0	0

b) Patron Count

	#
Less than 10,000	2
No response	8

c) Source of Patron Count

	#
Typical Week	0
Gate Count	2
Other	3
No response	5

d) Number of Reference Transactions

	#
Less than 200	0
200 to 399	1
400 to 599	0
600 to 799	1
800 to 999	0
1,000 or more	6
No response	2

e) Reference Count includes Directional Questions?

	#
Yes	2
No	6

Number of Reference Transactions by Inclusion of Directional Questions

	Yes	No
Less than 200	0%	0%
200 to 399	0	17
400 to 599	0	0
600 to 799	0	17
800 to 999	0	0
1,000 or more	100	67

f) Source of Reference Count

	%
Typical Week	0
Actual Count	80
Other	20

g) Circulation Transactions

Total

	#
Less than 5,000	0
5,000 to 9,999	2
10,000 to 19,999	2
20,000 to 29,999	1
30,000 to 39,999	0
40,000 or more	1
No response	4

By Population of Official Service Area

	Less than 750,000	750,000 or more
Less than 5,000	0%	0%
5,000 to 9,999	29	0
10,000 to 19,999	14	33
20,000 to 29,999	14	0
30,000 to 39,999	0	0
40,000 or more	14	0
No response	29	67

h) Integrated system

	%
Dynix	30
Endeavor	10
Ex Libris	0
Innovative	10
Sirsi	20
Other	30

## Staff

Counts include all personnel having any music-related responsibilities for reference, cataloging, acquisitions, etc. Respondents reported FTEs as defined by their institutions and included only those FTE hours applied to music-related work. Numbers are averages and are rounded; therefore, "Total" categories may not equal the sum of the other three categories.

### Total

	MLS	Support	Volunteer	Total
FTE	9.5	4.0	.89	14.37

Because one library accounts for roughly half of the staffing of all the libraries combined, median figures are offered below:

	MLS	Support	Volunteer	Total
Median FTE	5	1	.25	6.6

### By Population of Official Service Area

	MLS	Support	Volunteer	Total
Less than 750,000: average	3.9	.8	.8	5.4
Less than 750,000: median	4	1	.4	6.3
750,000 or more: average	20.7	10.5	1.1	32.3
750,000 or more: median	7.6	4	.25	11.6

## 4) Resources

### a) Volumes – Print materials

#### Total

	%
Less than 5,000	20
5,000 to 9,999	10
10,000 to 24,999	0
25,000 to 39,999	10
40,000 to 59,999	10
60,000 or more	50

By Population of Official Service Area

	Less than 750,000	750,000 or more
Less than 5,000	29%	0%
5,000 to 9,999	14	0
10,000 to 24,999	0	0
25,000 to 39,999	14	0
40,000 to 59,999	0	33
60,000 or more	43	67

b) Volumes - A/V materials

Total

	%
Less than 5,000	10
5,000 to 9,999	10
10,000 to 24,999	30
25,000 to 39,999	10
40,000 to 59,999	10
60,000 or more	30

By Population of Official Service Area

	Less than 750,000	750,000 or more
Less than 5,000	14%	0%
5,000 to 9,999	14	0
10,000 to 24,999	43	0
25,000 to 39,999	14	0
40,000 to 59,999	0	33
60,000 or more	14	67

c) Titles - Print Periodical Subscriptions

Total

	%
0	10
Less than 15	30
15 to 29	0
30 to 49	10
50 to 99	30
100 or more	20

By Population of Official Service Area

	Less than 750,000	750,000 or more
0	14%	0%
Less than 15	43	0
15 to 29	0	0
30 to 49	0	33
50 to 99	29	33
100 or more	14	33

d) Titles - Electronic Databases

	%
0	30
1-3	20
4-6	10
7-9	0
10 or more	20
No response	20

**5) Expenditures**

a) Staff

Total

	%
\$0	0
Less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10
\$100,000 to \$199,999	20
\$200,000 to \$299,999	20
\$300,000 or more	20
No response	20

By Population of Official Service Area

	Less than 750,000	750,000 or more
\$0	0%	0%
Less than \$50,000	20	0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	0	33
\$100,000 to \$199,999	40	0
\$200,000 to \$299,999	40	0
\$300,000 or more	0	67

b) Print Materials

Total

	%
Less than \$2,500	20
\$2,500 to \$7,499	20
\$7,500 to 9,999	0
\$10,000 to 17,499	10
\$17,500 to 24,999	0
\$25,000 or more	40
No response	10

By Population of Official Service Area

	Less than 750,000	750,000 or more
Less than \$2,500	33%	0%
\$2,500 to \$7,499	17	33
\$7,500 to 9,999	0	0
\$10,000 to 17,499	17	0
\$17,500 to 24,999	0	0
\$25,000 or more	33	67

c) Audiovisual Materials

Total

	%
Less than \$2,500	10
\$2,500 to \$7,499	10
\$7,500 to \$9,999	20
\$10,000 to \$17,499	10
\$17,500 to \$24,999	0
\$25,000 or more	30
No response	20

By Population of Official Service Area

	Less than 750,000	750,000 or more
Less than \$2,500	17%	33%
\$2,500 to \$7,499	17	0
\$7,500 to \$9,999	17	33
\$10,000 to \$17,499	17	0
\$17,500 to \$24,999	0	0
\$25,000 or more	33	67

d) Print Periodical Subscriptions

Total

	%
\$0	0
Less than \$1,000	10
\$1,000 to \$1,999	10
\$2,000 to \$2,999	10
\$3,000 to \$3,999	20
\$4,000 or more	30
No response	20

By Population of Official Service Area

	Less than 750,000	750,000 or more
\$0	0%	0%
Less than \$1,000	17	0
\$1,000 to \$1,999	17	33
\$2,000 to \$2,999	17	0
\$3,000 to \$3,999	33	0
\$4,000 or more	17	67

e) Electronic Database Subscriptions

Total

	%
\$0	20
Less than \$2,500	10
\$2,500 to \$7,499	20
\$7,500 to \$9,999	0
\$10,000 to \$17,499	10
\$17,500 or more	0
No response	40

By Population of Official Service Area

	Less than 750,000	750,000 or more
\$0	0%	100%
Less than \$2,500	25	0
\$2,500 to \$7,499	50	0
\$7,500 to \$9,999	0	0
\$10,000 to \$17,499	25	0
\$17,500 or more	0	0

f) Other Material Types

The number of respondents with expenditures for other types of materials was too low to provide meaningful statistics.

g) Approval plans

	%
Yes	10
No	70
No resposne	20