

## LMS 2002-2003 LMS Annual Survey

- I. 778 schools completed the 2002-2003 LMS Annual Survey. Total enrollment for the reporting schools was 527,352.
- II. Of the schools reporting, the average number of books per student = 16 books per student
  - a. The minimum recommended number of books per student according to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) is 10 books per student.
  - b. Collection size recommendations in *Catalyst: Setting the Standards for Student Learning through School Libraries*, <<http://www.myscschools.com/offices/technology/ms/lms>> the South Carolina Department of Education's program recommendations for schools libraries, are as follows:
    - Middle and high schools with enrollments of fewer than two hundred should have a minimum of 2,500 volumes.
    - Middle and high schools with enrollments equal to or greater than two hundred should have a minimum of ten volumes per student, up to 12,500 volumes.
    - Elementary, K-12, and special-purpose schools should have a minimum of fifteen volumes per student or 3,000 volumes, whichever is greater.
- III. **Collection Management**
  - a. Library automation
    - i. 760 library media centers are automated (circulation and resource collection management is computerized)
    - ii. 4 library media centers are not automated
    - iii. 14 did not respond to this question
    - iv. Card catalog availability:
      1. Beyond the library media center: 691
      2. Only within the library media center: 72
  - b. Updating the collection (How often is the collection of library media center resources weeded to remove and replace outdated, obsolete, and worn materials?)
    - i. 533 library media specialists reported weeding their collection on an annual basis
    - ii. 4 library media specialists reported infrequent or no weeding
    - iii. 241 library media specialists did not submit a response to this question
  - c. The **overall average age** of the print collections for the schools reporting was 18 years. The average copyright date was 1985. The **oldest reported average age** of a print collection was seventy-eight years, or a 1925 copyright date.
  - d. Average Collection Age by Dewey Category

Dewey Category		Average Age	Average Copyright Date
000s	Generalities (i.e. encyclopedias)	15 years	1988
100s	Philosophy and Psychology	17 years	1985
200s	Religion	23 years	1979
300s	Social sciences	19 years	1983
400s	Language	20 years	1982
500s	Natural sciences and mathematics	17 years	1984
600s	Technology (Applied sciences)	17 years	1985
700s	The Arts	19 years	1983
800s	Literature and rhetoric	23 years	1979
900s	Geography and history	18 years	1983
92 (B)	Biography	19 years	1982
F (or Fic)	Fiction	19 years	1979

**IV. Budget information**

- a. Of the 778 schools reporting only 330 library media specialists reported submitting an annual budget request.
- b. The following figures relate to local funding for school library media centers
  - i. Budget amounts ranged from \$0.00 to \$48,400 (7 library media specialists reported receiving no money for library expenditures. 21 library media specialists did not submit any budget information)
  - ii. The average budget amount for school libraries was \$8,315.

**V. Personnel information**

- a. Professional experience
  - i. Average years of experience in education: 17.8
  - ii. Average years of experience as a library media specialist: 12.2
- b. National Board Certification: 117
- c. SCASL members: 545
- d. SCASL listserv members: 489

**VI. Library Schedules:**

- a. Flex: 243 (this figure includes all grades ranges (e.g. elementary, middle, and high schools))

- b. Partial flex: 236
- c. Fixed: 203
- d. No response: 96

VII. **Computerized Reading Management Program Usage:** 682 schools reported using a computerized reading management program

Accelerated Reader	596 schools
Reading Counts	81 schools
Book Sharp	2 schools
No computerized reading management program in use	99 schools

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