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Research Brief

Title: Library On-Demand Survey

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During the spring 2016 semester students using librarian services were asked to take a brief survey with regard to their needs.

There were 57 respondents. Students were asked to identify which course brought them in. Nearly half were there for help with English (42%) followed by Biology (16%), Political Science and Microbiology (9%), Art and Art History (5%), Communication, Food and Nutrition, History, Music, and PE (2% each). 4% did not indicate a course specifically.

Students were asking for help with research papers (65%), Peer-Reviewed Articles (11%), Essays (5%), Argument Assignments or Project (4%). Other items included family history, MLA formatting, citing work, periodic articles, and resource materials.

Overall, students had very positive responses and none disagreed or showed any level of dissatisfaction.

| After working with the Librarian today I feel better prepared to: | # | A | N |
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| Use the catalog to locate books, DVDs, audiobooks, and eBooks on my topic | 52 | 90% | 10% |
| Use research databases to locate peer-reviewed articles, journal articles, magazines and newspaper articles, or other information on my topic | 54 | 98% | 2% |
| Determine credible websites and sources outside the library's resources and research databases | 48 | 94% | 6% |

When asked their level of agreement with gaining increased confidence in conducting future research projects, students indicated 96%. Students also felt 100% comfortable asking the Librarians help in the future.

Student comments included praise for specific librarians and general satisfaction.

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| Do you have any suggestions or comments for the library and librarians? |
| Cynthia was very helpful, she helped me choose my contemporary topic and made it easy to find an article on the databases |
| Great help, thank you! |
| I appreciate your help. Thanks! |
| I had a great time |
| Keep doing what you are doing. |
| Keep up the good work!! |
| Librarian was a great help in helping me with sources for my research paper. |
| no |
| no suggestions but to keep up the good work |
| She made things understandable and easy for me to follow. She was professional and kind. I very much appreciate the assistance. |
| Thank Brooke for your help in determining my research subject, as well as guiding me through the databases. Very much appreciated! |
| The librarian I worked with was very kind and extremely helpful. |
| The librarian was great. She strongly disagreed with the idea of looking up my resources on google. I now know how to properly look up credible resource materials. I promise that I will not google articles. Keep up the good work Ms. Cynthia! |
| The possibility of inter-library loans to acquire research that may not be readily available. |
| They do a great job at helping, you find sources. |
| upgrade technology, like the computer systems and anything else that needs to be updated |
| Very helpful! |