Survey

**Introduction**

This survey is part of a national study headed by Professor Nicholas Weber at the University of Washington’s School of Information. The study aims to understand the support for open data by public libraries in the United States.

This survey should take around 10-15 minutes to complete.

In addition to this survey we are gathering case studies and conducting interviews. If you are interested in speaking with us about your library’s work in open data please leave us your contact information at the end of the survey. We would love to hear from you!

Thank you again for your help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our research assistant, Leili Slutz, at [leilis@uw.edu](mailto:leilis@uw.edu).

**Open data and you**

* Are you aware of open data resources in your city?
  + Yes
  + No
* Have you used any open data resources in your city?
  + Yes
    - Please explain (short answer)
  + No
* Have you provided reference assistance to patrons around open data?
  + Yes
    - Please explain (short answer)
  + No
* Have you received any training from your place of work around open data?
  + Yes
    - Please explain (short answer)
  + No
* Have you received any training outside of your place of work around open data?
  + Yes
    - Please explain
  + No

**Open data and your library**

[Branch logic]

* Do you offer any services or promotion of open data?

**Branch 1: No**

* + - Does your library have plans to offer services or programs related to open data in the future?
      * Yes
      * No
      * I don’t know
    - Does your library have a strategic initiative around open data, data literacy, or civic engagement?
      * Yes
        + Please clarify (short answer)
      * No
      * I don’t know
    - Do you think libraries should provide services around open data?
      * Yes
      * No
      * I don’t know
    - Do you think libraries should promote open data?
      * Yes
      * No
      * I don’t know
    - What do you see are the barriers to offering open data support or promotion related to open data? Please choose all that apply:
      * Lack of staff resources
      * Lack of staff expertise on open data
      * Lack of demand from patrons
      * Lack of open data resources available
      * It does not fit into our strategic initiatives
      * Other organizations in our community offer this already
      * Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* + **Branch 2: Yes**
    - What types of open data promotion and/or services do you offer? Please select all that apply:
      * Advocating for open data
      * Events (providing meeting space)
      * Events (organizing)
      * Maintaining open data repositories/portals
      * Promoting open data resources
      * Providing links to open data portals through online library communication tools
      * Reference assistance
      * Trainings/workshops for local government employees
      * Trainings/workshops for community members
      * Sending feedback from patrons to data providers
      * Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - What types of open data promotion and/or services do you plan to offer in the future? Please select all that apply:
      * We are not currently planning to add additional open data promotion and/or services
      * Advocating for open data
      * Events (providing meeting space)
      * Events (organizing)
      * Maintaining open data repositories/portals
      * Promoting open data resources
      * Providing links to open data portals through online library communication tools
      * Reference assistance
      * Trainings/workshops for local government employees
      * Trainings/workshops for community members
      * Sending feedback from patrons to data providers
      * Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + What led to your library establishing these open data offerings? (Short answer)

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* + What has been your biggest challenge in establishing and/or running your open data offerings? (Short answer)
  + What has been most helpful in establishing and/or running your open data offerings? (Short answer)
  + What resources did you consult when establishing your open data offerings? If so, what? Which were the most and least helpful?
  + What advice would you give to other librarians planning to establish similar open data offerings? (short answer)
  + Please share any final thoughts you might have on your library’s open data offerings: (Short answer)

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**Your library and civic resources**

* Does your library offer government document resources and/or support?
  + **Yes** 
    - What types of resources and/or support do you offer? Please check all that apply:
      * Assistance locating appropriate government documents
      * Assistance understanding and/or using government documents
      * Public trainings and workshops on government documents
      * Written explanatory material about government documents
      * Audio or video explanatory material about government documents
      * Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - Does your library employ a government documents librarian?
      * Yes--full-time
      * Yes--part-time
      * No
  + **No**
    - Why does your library not offer government document support? Please choose all that apply:
      * Lack of staff resources
      * Lack of staff expertise on government documents
      * Lack of demand from patrons
      * Lack of government document resources available
      * Other organizations in our community offer this already
      * It does not fit into our strategic initiatives
      * Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Does your library offer e-government resources and/or support?
  + **Yes**
    - What types of resources and/or support do you offer? Please check all that apply:
      * Assistance locating appropriate e-government resources
      * Assistance understanding and/or using e-government resources
      * Trainings and workshops on e-government resources
      * Written explanatory material about e-government documents
      * Audio or video explanatory material about e-government documents
      * Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + **No** 
    - Why does your library not offer e-government resources? Please choose all that apply:
      * Lack of staff resources
      * Lack of staff expertise on e-government
      * Lack of demand from patrons
      * Lack of e-government resources available
      * Other organizations in our community offer this already
      * It does not fit into our strategic initiatives
      * Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Does your library offer civic engagement initiatives?
  + Yes
    - What types of initiatives do you offer?
      * Informational events
      * Civic hackathons or workshops
      * Events with elected officials and/or aides
      * Events with political candidates
      * Events with agency representatives
      * Voter registration assistance
      * Voting access assistance
      * Connections to civic volunteer opportunities
      * Connections to resources on civic engagement
      * Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + No
    - Why does your library not offer civic engagement initiatives? Please choose all that apply:
      * Lack of staff resources
      * Lack of expertise on civic engagement
      * Lack of demand from patrons
      * Lack of e-government resources available
      * Other organizations in our community offer this already
      * It does not fit into our strategic initiatives
      * Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Your library and tech resources**

* Does your library offer computer literacy classes?
  + Yes
    - Please provide a brief summary of topics covered
  + No
    - Why not? Please check all that apply:
      * Lack of staff resources
      * Lack of expertise on civic engagement
      * Lack of demand from patrons
      * Lack of e-government resources available
      * Other organizations in our community offer this already
      * It does not fit into our strategic initiatives
      * Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* How many branches does your library have?
  + 1-5
  + 6-10
  + 11-15
  + 16-20
  + 21-25
  + 26+
* Approximately how many visits does your system receive per year? (one-line answer)
* Approximately how many computers does your system provide to the public (across all branches)? (one-line answer)
* For how long can a patron access the Internet on a library computer in your system?
  + Less than 1 hour/day
  + 1 hour/day
  + 2 hours/day
  + 3 hours/day
  + 4 hours/day
  + More than 4 hours/day
  + Unlimited access