

OCLC Research Survey of Special Collections and Archives CNI Project Briefing

Date and Time:

Location:

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Project overview:

OCLC Research surveyed 275 academic and research libraries in U.S. and Canada to determine norms across the community and provide data to support decision-making and priority setting. This survey updated and expanded a similar survey administered by the Association of Research Libraries in 1998, the outcomes of which catalyzed the special collections community and led directly to numerous high-profile initiatives to "expose hidden collections."

Attend this briefing to learn:

- More about the survey population
- Key implications for the special collections and archives community, including
 - Top "most challenging issues"
 - Status of online access to rare and unique materials
 - Evolution of practices in user services
 - Top education and training needs
 - Special collections digitization projects
 - Born-digital archival materials
 - Staffing
- Recommended action items
- Intersections between survey outcomes and ARL's current special collections agenda
- Relationship between survey and the broader OCLC Research work agenda for the RLG Partnership

Learn more about this project online:

<http://www.oclc.org/research/activities/hiddencollections/default.htm>

Read the report, *Taking Our Pulse: The OCLC Research Survey of Special Collections and Archives*, online:

<http://www.oclc.org/research/publications/library/2010/2010-11.pdf>

