

ANNUAL REPORT

IMLS ~ Public Library Survey

Webinar: Annual Report Sections H-J

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LOGIN Username & Password

Each KY Public Library and Regional Consultant is assigned one For this information contact Bobbie Augspurger, SDC bobbie.augspurger@ky.gov

Collect Baker - Taylor provides this Annual Report Survey Portal https://collectconnect.baker-taylor.com/login.aspx

Connect Baker -Taylor provides this Annual Report Data Portal https://collectconnect.baker-taylor.com/Connect/Login.aspx







Navigate to next page



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Save most recent changes

SAVE OFTEN The system will time-out after work delays

You may need to Log Back In to make sure your work is really being saved



Hide responses provided previous year

Recommend SEEING Last Year's Answers

If there is a notable difference, you will need to provide a Note as to WHY

. . . Why the number is so much bigger or smaller







FLAG Flag Red Flag is used to indicate a Question . . .

Question you have, Question your Regional has, Question SDC has



Note Each survey question has the Note feature.

Each Note is a gift to your future self, to the Regional, and to the SDC explaining the "WHY"

- Why is the number so much bigger or smaller
- What specifically caused this number to notably change from last fiscal year

Error Reports - When library Submits the completed Survey, an Error Report is generated. Each library must validate submitted data and justify the Why & What in order to move forward in the submission process. When SDC submits the state of Kentucky data for All Libraries, the SDC must validate all submitted data and justify the Why & What in order to move forward in the **Federally Required Public Library Survey** process. The Error Reports can be different between the library submission in Collect and the SDC submission of PLS.



History History feature shows the response given by year for the last 5 years.







Status Screen shows: Edit checks, Unanswered questions, & Flagged questions.



Export Automatically downloads your Annual Report data "as is"



Print Set Printing Preferences for "Survey Reports" or "Annotation Reports" Here are my Printing Preferences . . .

Print Entire Survey - Include Annotations - With Current & Last Year's Data - Show PDF Report

SURVEY LIST

Survey List Provides a list of previous Annual Report Surveys for your Library



Submit Library will Complete Survey before Submitting.

Library must address all Error Checks before Survey will fully submit.

DASHBOARD

Dashboard Regionals this is your Home Base Screen for all libraries in your region.

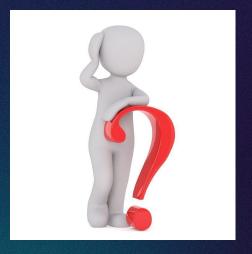
select "REVIEWED" after reviewing library data and addressing data discrepancies select "UNLOCK/RELOCK" when Libraries Add Notes/Rework data/etc. select "APPROVED" when Library Data/Notes are correct & all Error Checks are addressed.

Close

Close This will Close Survey Window . . . be sure to SAVE first







Questions?

Q: I put in note and hit save, but it wasn't there when I opened back up.

A: Did you also Save the Page? Be sure to Save 2 times (1:Note, 1:Page) Also, the system may be timing out on you & you just can't tell unless you hit Home & see if it makes you sign in again.

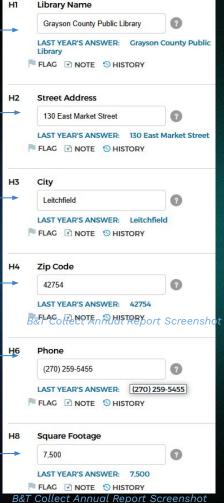


MUSEUM Library MAIN LIBRARY: Section H

"This is one type of single outlet library or the library which is the operational center of a multiple outlet library. Usually all processing is centralized here and the principal collections are housed here."

If you have changed from last year, please add Notes with details.

This is the name of the main library Complete **STREET ADDRESS** of the main library. Note: Do NOT report a post office box or general delivery. City or town in which the main library is located This is the standard five-digit postal zip code for the street address of the main library Enter the telephone number of the main library This is the area on all floors enclosed by the outer walls of the library. Include all areas occupied by the main library, including those areas off-limits to the public. Include any areas shared with another agency or agencies if the outlet has use of that area.





MAIN LIBRARY: Section H

HIII	Number of Meetings Held					
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H12	Library Visits					
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H12a	Library Visits Reporting Method					
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Number of Meetings Held. Enter the number of meetings which were held in the meeting room. Do **not** include use of the room for library programs or service or other use by library boards or staff.

This is the total number of persons entering the main library for whatever purpose during the year. Note: If an actual count of visits is unavailable, determine an annual estimate by counting visits during a typical week in October and multiplying the count by 52. A "typical week" is a time that is neither unusually busy nor unusually slow. Avoid holiday times, vacation periods for key staff, or days when unusual events are taking place in the community or the library. Choose a week in which the library is open its regular hours. Include seven consecutive calendar days, from Sunday through Saturday (or whenever the library is usually open). Count only physical visits, not electronic or cyber-visits.

Regarding the number of Library Visits (data element #H12) entered, is this an annual count or an annual estimate based on a typical week or weeks?

You will select one of the following:

- CT Annual Count
- ES Annual Estimate Based on Typical Week(s)

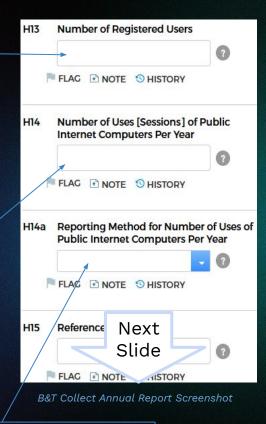


MUSEUM Library MAIN LIBRARY: Section H

Enter the number of current registered users. A registered user is a library user who has applied for and received an identification number or card from the public library that has established conditions under which the user may borrow library materials and gain access to other library resources. (Output Measures for Public Libraries, 2nd edition). Note: Federal rules require that patron files be purged every three (3) years at minimum. Include the count of Digital Access Cards if this is available.

Report the total number of uses (sessions) of the library's Internet computers in the library during the last year. If the computer is used for multiple purposes (Internet access, word-processing, OPAC, etc.) and Internet uses (sessions) cannot be isolated, report all usage. A typical week or other reliable estimate may be used to determine the annual number. Sign-up forms or Web-log tracking software also may provide a reliable count of uses (sessions).

Note: This count includes only the library's Internet computers. Do not include wifi access using non library computers. The number of uses (sessions) may be counted manually, using registration logs. Count each use (session) for public internet computers, regardless of the amount of time spent on the computer. A use (session) on the library's public internet computer(s)three times a year would count as three uses (sessions). Software such as "Historian" can also be used to track the number of uses (sessions) at each public internet computer. If the data element is collected as a weekly figure, multiply that figure by 52 to annualize it.



Regarding the number of Library Visits (data element #H14) entered, is this an annual count or an annual estimate based on a typical week or weeks? You will select one of the following: CT - Annual Count; ES - Annual Estimate Based on Typical Week(s)

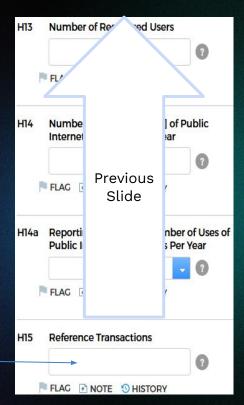


Reference Transactions are information consultations in which library staff recommend, interpret, evaluate, and/or use information resources to help others to meet particular information needs. Reference transactions do not include formal instruction or exchanges that provide assistance with locations, schedules, equipment, supplies, or policy statements. NOTES:

- A reference transaction includes information and referral service, scheduled and unscheduled individual instruction and assistance in using information sources (including websites and computer-assisted instruction).
- 2. Count Readers Advisory questions as reference transactions.
- 3. Information sources include (a) printed and non printed material; (b) machine-readable databases (including computer-assisted instruction); (c) the library's own catalogs and other holdings records; (d) other libraries and institutions through communication or referral; and (e) persons both inside and outside the library.
- When a staff member uses information gained from previous use of information sources to answer a question, the transaction is reported as a reference transaction even if the source is not consulted again.
- 5. If a contact includes both reference and directional services, it should be reported as one reference transaction.
- 6. Duration should not be an element in determining whether a transaction is a reference transaction.
- Do not include transactions that include only a directional service, such as instruction for locating staff, library users, or physical features within the library. Examples of directional transactions include, "Where is the reference librarian? Where is Susan Smith? Where is the restroom? Where are the 600s? Can you help me make a photocopy?"

Annual Count vs. Annual Estimate

- *If an annual count of reference transactions is unavailable, count reference transactions during a typical week or weeks, and multiply the count to represent an annual estimate.
- *A "typical week" is a time that is neither unusually busy nor unusually slow. Avoid holiday times, vacation periods for key staff, or days when unusual events are taking place in the community or in the library. Choose a week in which the library is open its regular hours.
- *Example: If there are four weeks sampled, multiply the totals for those four weeks by 13 to get an estimate for the full year. If the sample is done twice a year (one week at each time, two weeks total) multiply the count by 26 to get the estimated annual count.



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MAIN LIBRARY: Section H

Hours Open to the Public Enter the time the main library opened and closed & the total number of hours the main library was open for each day of the week.

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This is the number of weeks during the year that the main library was open to the public. The count should be based on the number of weeks that the main library was open for half or more of its scheduled service hours. Extensive weeks closed to the public due to natural disasters or other events should be excluded from the count.

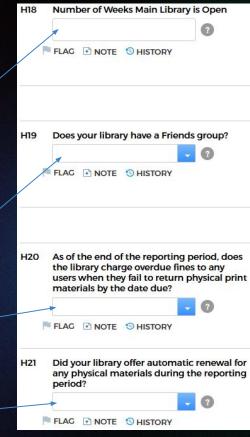
Do **not** calculate based on total number of service hours per year at the outlet level. For example, by dividing total hours by the average hours open per week.

Round to the nearest whole number of weeks. If the library was open half or more of its scheduled hours in a given week, round up to the next week. If the library was open less than half of its scheduled hours, round down.

Does your library have a Friends group? Yes or No

Overdue fines are monetary penalties that typically increase according to the number of days the materials are overdue. Overdue fines are not replacement costs for lost or damaged materials. Yes or No

Note: Patrons do not have to take any action for automatic renewals. The Integrated Library System (ILS) rules determine how/when automatic renewals occur. Yes or No



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MAIN LIBRARY: Section H

SDC Q: Number of Uses [Sessions] of Public Internet Computer per year in FY24: Annual Report Question (Main Library) H14 is 2,280 + New Branch E14 is 14 = Total 2,294. FY23: Annual Report Question H14 was 24,330.

Feds have kicked back a PLS Error report:

If the data is correct, please provide a reason why this huge discrepancy. If the data is wrong, please send the correct data.

Library A: When I reported the FY23 numbers, I used the data I was given from the previous Director (I started June 20, 2023 and she left June 30, 2023). When we cycled around to FY24 and entered the actual data we had for usage, obviously there was a huge discrepancy. I don't know how/where she calculated the 2023 numbers, or if she was just giving a generous usage number, but the FY24 usage is correct. My suspicion is that she was estimating the number of times people connected to the library's Wifi....not the actual number of library Public Computer logins/users.

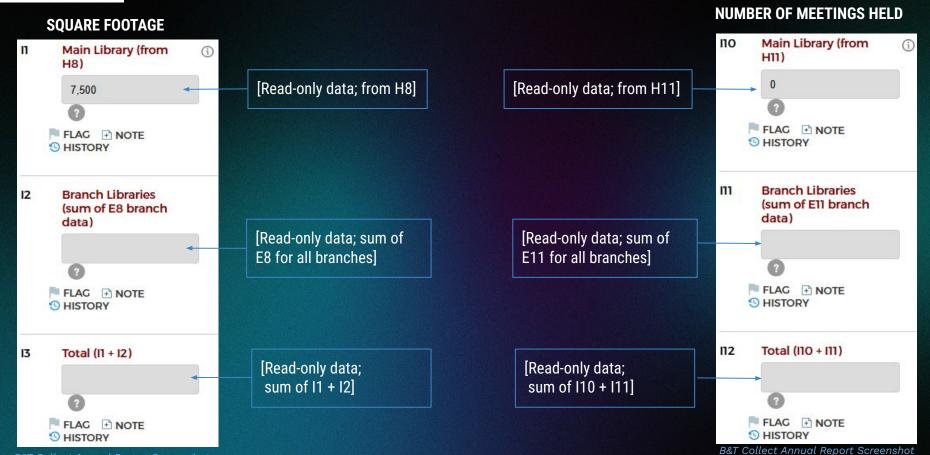
Not a big deal to get resolved 7 months later because Llbrary provided information Notes for H14, E14, and PLS Annotations Report.

Questions? Jeff: What tools are libraries using?





FACILITY INFO Part 1: Section I





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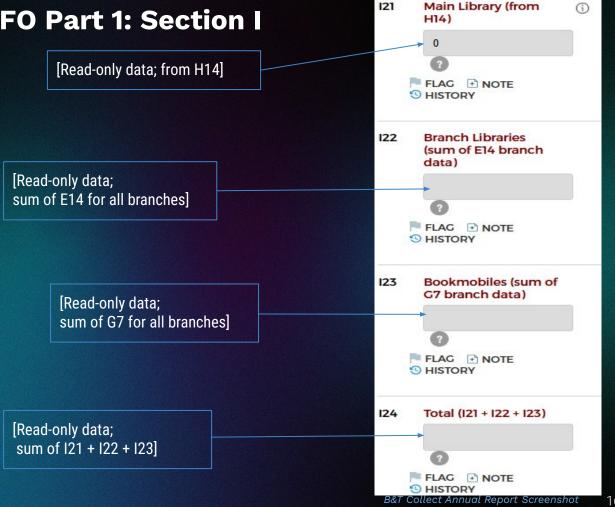
NUMBER OF REGISTERED USERS LIBRARY VISITS Main Library (from Main Library (from H13) H12) [Read-only data; from H12] [Read-only data; from H13] FLAC F NOTE FLAG E NOTE **9** HISTORY HISTORY 118 **Branch Libraries** 114 **Branch Libraries** (sum of E13 branch (sum of E12 branch data) data) [Read-only data; sum of E12 for all branches Read-only data; sum of FLAC INOTE E13 for all branches FLAG INOTE HISTORY HISTORY Bookmobiles (sum of 119 Bookmobiles (sum of 115 G6 branch data) G5 branch data) Read-only data; sum of G5 for all branches] Read-only data; sum of G6 for all branches FLAG I NOTE FLAG F NOTE HISTORY HISTORY [Read-only data; Total (117 + 118 + 119) 120 Total (113 + 114 + 115) 116 sum of I13 + I14 + I15] Cannot equal 0. [Read-only data; Please explain why your data is out of the normal data is out of the norma range using the Federal range using the Federal sum of 117 + 118 + 119] FLAG F NOTE FLAC F NOTE HISTORY



FACILITY INFO Part 1: Section I

NUMBER OF USES (SESSIONS) OF PUBLIC INTERNET COMPUTERS PER YEAR

NOTE: These are Public Library Computers for use that are accessing the public internet.





FACILITY INFO Part 2: Section I

PUBLIC SERVICE HOURS PER YEAR







FACILITY INFO: Section I

Q: Error Check What does it mean?

A: The Error check is asking why the # of visits (Annual Report I16) is up more in comparison to the # for circulation (Annual Report L16 & L40), which is where the ratio comes into play. For example, did you strategically pull in more people for events where item checkout was not the focus? A NOTE will need to be added explaining what happened and why the big difference.

Q: Annual Report I20 Total Registered Users is 22,028 and Annual Report A2 County Population is 38,280.

A: The number of registered users is the number of cardholders. Sometimes this will include people outside of county. Registered Users should be purged/archived of inactive users every 3 years at minimum. There may be a problem for investigation when the number of Registered Users is almost equal to the county population. A NOTE will need to be added explaining why these numbers are so close and if a change was made in last year &/or will be made in future.

Q: What constitutes a meeting room?

A: Meeting Room is reservable. Is it open "After Hours" and do library personnel monitor the room usage? Enter the number of meetings which were held in the meeting room. Do not include use of the room for library programs or service or other use by library boards or staff.

Questions?





LIBRARY STAFF: Section J

Report figures as of the last day of the fiscal year. Include all positions funded in the library's budget whether those positions are filled or not. To ensure comparable data, 40 hours per week has been set as the measure of full-time employment (FTE).

For example, 60 hours per week of part-time work by employees in a staff category divided by the 40-hour measure equals 1.50 FTEs.

To calculate FTEs for seasonal workers, I would use the following example:

- Two three month workers (.25 of year) work 15 hours a week, so
- 15 + 15 = 30 hrs/wk
- 30/40 = .75 FTEs
- .75 * .25 = .1875 FTE for entire year (based on working only three months)

Please let Regional Consultant or Bobbie know if you need help to calculate.

Jeff's Calculation Methods:

- If your payroll system can generate a report of your PT employees hours' worked and then just divide that number by 2080 (52*40).
- Alternatively you could take the average hours worked per week * the number of weeks worked per year and then divide that total by 2080.



LIBRARY STAFF: Section J

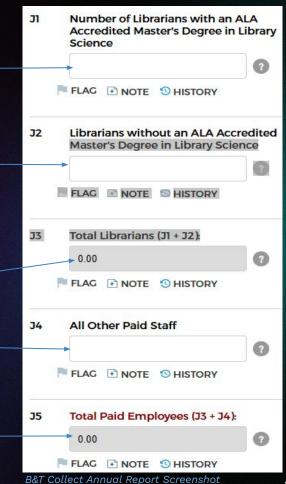
Librarians with master's degrees from programs of library and information studies accredited by the American Library Association.

Persons with the title of librarian who do paid work that usually requires professional training and skill in the theoretical or scientific aspects of library work, or both, as distinct from its mechanical or clerical aspect. Do not include librarians with an ALA accredited Master's Degree in Library Science - That belongs in #J1.

[Read-only data; sum of J1 + J2]

This includes all other FTE employees paid from the reporting unit budget, including plant operations, security, and maintenance staff.

[Read-only data; sum of J3+J4]









LIBRARY STAFF: Section J

Q: What is the difference between a Librarian and Staff on the Annual Report?

A: Not all Library employees are classified with the title of Librarian. A Librarian classification is someone who must complete paid work-related tasks that require professional training and use theoretical or scientific library-specific skills. This is categorized into MLS Degreed Librarians & Librarians that do not hold an MLS degree.

This is different than clerical work or janitorial work or even mechanical work, which are classified as staff.

Questions?





Any Other Questions?

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