



## **PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING & TECHNOLOGY ACCESS SURVEY: YEAR 3 SECOND QUARTER REPORT**

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## INTRODUCTION

This report serves as the tenth interim report to the American Library Association's (ALA) Office for Research & Statistics (ORS) regarding the Public Libraries and the Internet survey portion of the larger Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study. In particular, this report updates ORS on Year Three, Second Quarter activities between December and February regarding the Information Institute's survey portion of the study.

Figure 1 outlines the Second Quarter tasks completed or in progress by the Information Institute.

**Figure 1. Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study 2008-2009 Survey Tasks.**

Study Component	Task	Completion Date
Data Management	a. Prepare survey data files for analysis -create individual SPSS data files for state and system level responses -data clean up and data quality checking -weighting of data (national system and branch; state branch) -preparation of data files for national, state and opportunity online libraries	Began November 17 and is ongoing
Table and Narrative Writing	a. prepare tables from national analysis once data were cleaned and weighted for both branch and system level questions b. note outliers for budget questions for contextual understanding of results c. prepare state profiles with agreed upon variables for submission to ALA once data were cleaned and weighted d. write narrative for national branch and system level tables	January and February  February  January and February  February

## **DISCUSSION**

Once the survey officially closed November 14, 2008, data quality checking and cleaning was conducted for both the branch and system questions. Data sets were created in SPSS to prepare the data files for analysis. Data were weighted on both the national level and individual state level after it was determined which states had a high enough response rate to analyze. At the same time, state profiles were created and submitted to ALA February 9, 2009. Tables were constructed on each question at the national level once the data were cleaned and weighted, for both the branch and system questions. These tables were finalized at the end of January, 2009. Once the tables were constructed and reviewed, narrative writing began. This narrative writing will continue through March with any changes that need to be made, although the initial writing and table construction has been completed. Additionally, the survey team began constructing state level tables for each of the questions on the branch side of the survey, which will become part of the internal report.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Once all of the tables and narrative are finalized for both the branch and system level questions, the final documents will be sent to ALA for comments and questions. Additionally, the survey team will draft the executive summary required for the ALA publication. State level analysis, table construction, and narrative writing will continue for inclusion in the internal report for the Information Institute. Final reports detailing survey response rates and participating libraries will be sent to SDC's and Opportunity Online Intermediaries in March. The primary focus for the next quarter will be to continue editing and finalizing the analyses and report writing required for the ALA publication, as well as create the internal report with all tables, both national and state level.