



PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING & TECHNOLOGY ACCESS SURVEY: YEAR 3 THIRD QUARTER REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

This report serves as the eleventh 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, Third Quarter activities between March and May, 2009 regarding the Information Institute's survey portion of the study.

Figure 1 outlines the Third 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. Remit cleaned survey data to ALA b. Remit cleaned survey data of OO participants to Gates Foundation c. Reported to Gates Foundation OO library survey participation d. Remit cleaned state survey data to individual SDC's	Completed March Completed March Completed April Completed April
Table and Narrative Writing	a. Submit national level tables, narrative and Executive Summary to ALA for inclusion in ALA publication b. Review for edits the final ALA draft for publication c. Conduct state level analysis, construct tables and write narrative for internal report d. Finalize any edits for the state level tables and narrative e. Finalize the internal II report detailing all questions on the survey and create PDF files by section to load on the website	Completed March April and May Completed May Ongoing Ongoing
Issue Brief Assistance	a. Assisted in the development of ALA issue briefs b. Reviewed data analysis for issue briefs	Ongoing

DISCUSSION

Once the tables were constructed and narrative was written at the national level for both branch and system level questions, the compiled report was submitted to ALA for initial editing. The Executive Summary for the PLFTAS survey was also written, and both of these pieces will be included in the ALA book publication which will come out in the fall of 2009. Final reports detailing survey response rates as well as participating libraries were sent out to all State Data Coordinators and certain State Librarians. The same information as it pertained to Opportunity Online participants was sent out to the Gates Foundation. Analysis at the state level was finalized, and table construction and narrative writing were completed in May.

NEXT STEPS

Any final editing or analysis required by ALA for the book publication will be completed in early June at the latest. All edits from team members for the state level tables and narrative will be incorporated in June. Any edits to the state level analysis, tables and narrative will be completed in June. The comprehensive II report will be finalized and PDF versions will be created for each section during June and July, and this final report will be loaded on the Information Institute website once the ALA publication is issued in early September.