

Archivists with Library Responsibilities

A Report on Research in Progress



Challenges of having non-archival responsibilities

THE HYBRID ARCHIVIST

THE SURVEY ITSELF

Survey Conducted: Nov-Dec 2009

Survey Device: Survey Monkey

Eligibility: Coll/Univ employed,
performing archival work

Respondents: 321 (296 qualified)

Area of Focus: Roles & responsibilities
23 questions

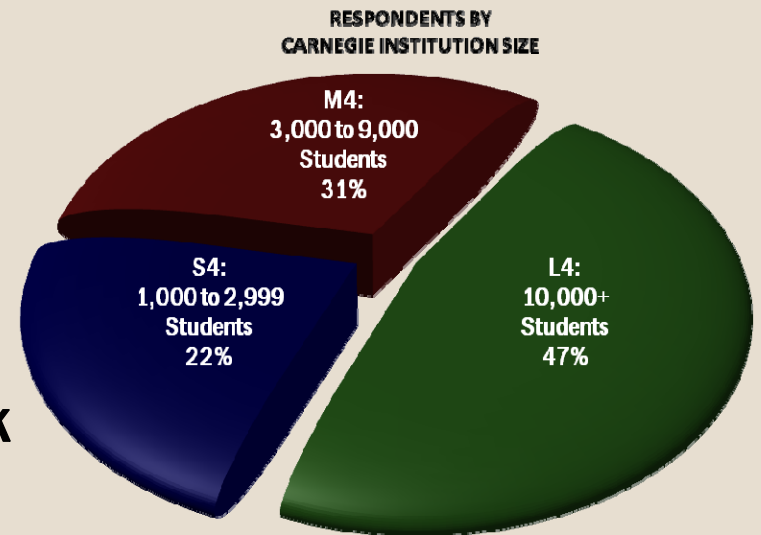
Survey Size: Institution information/Organizational chart

Organization: Job title & role

Archival & non-archival responsibilities

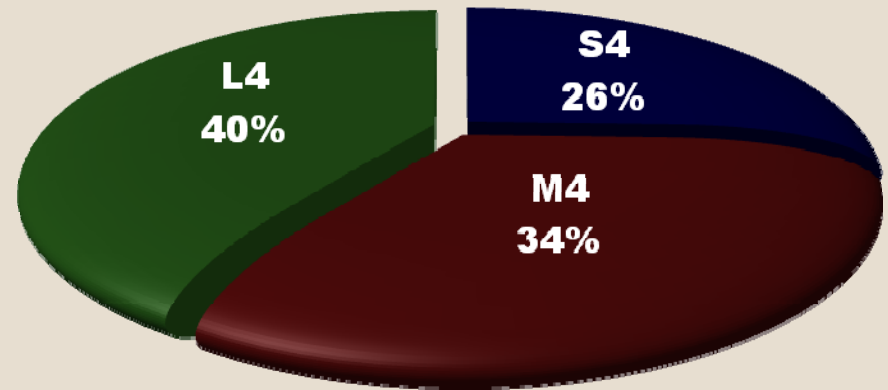
Time allotment to each responsibility

Comments

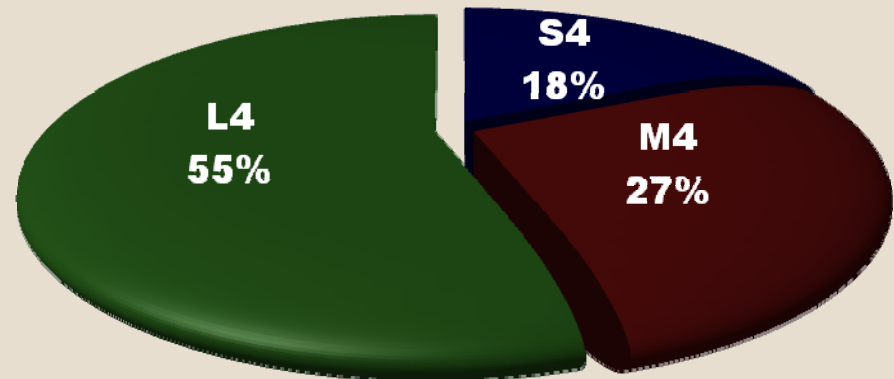


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ARCHIVISTS WITH LIBRARY DUTIES



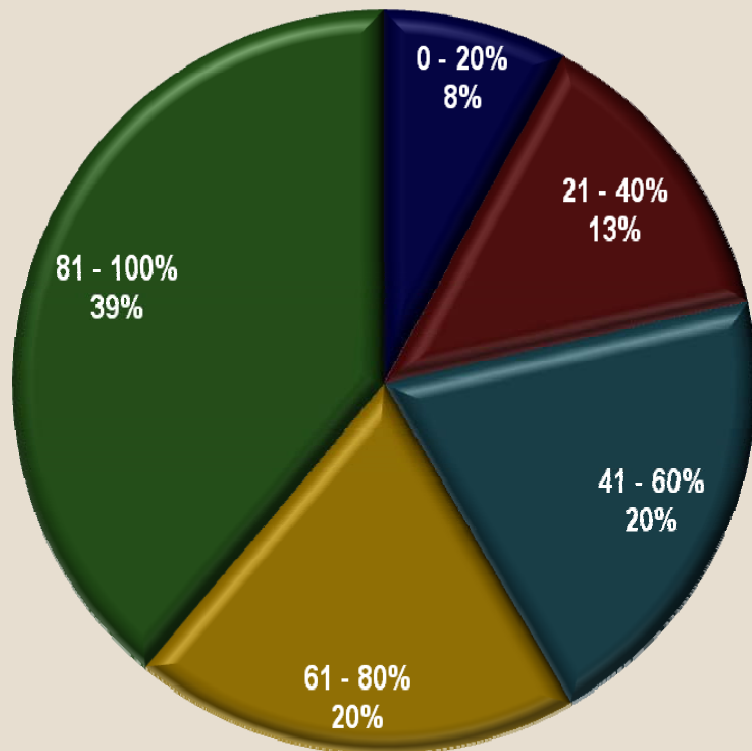
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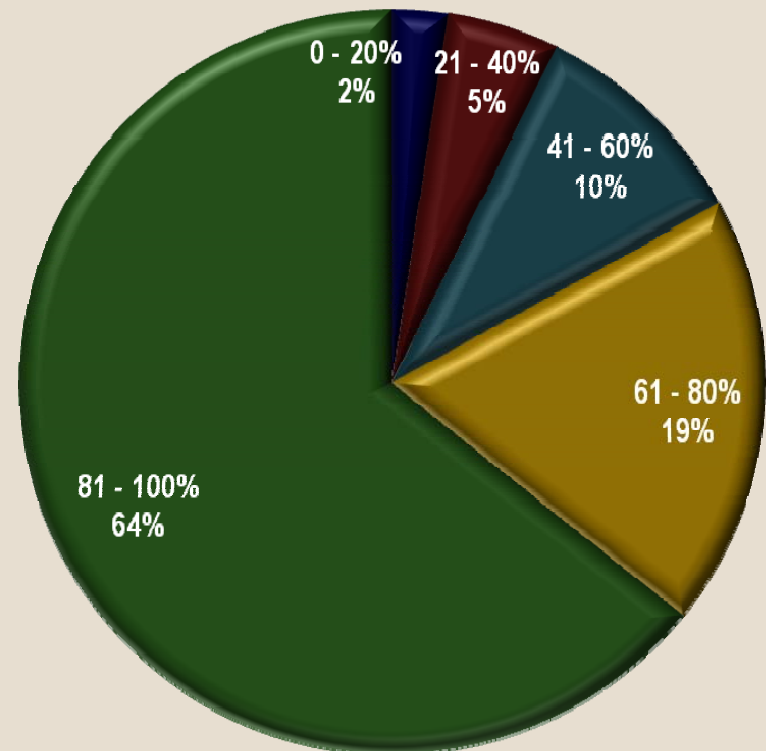
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Percentage time spent performing archival duties
including archival administration or management

WITH LIBRARY DUTIES

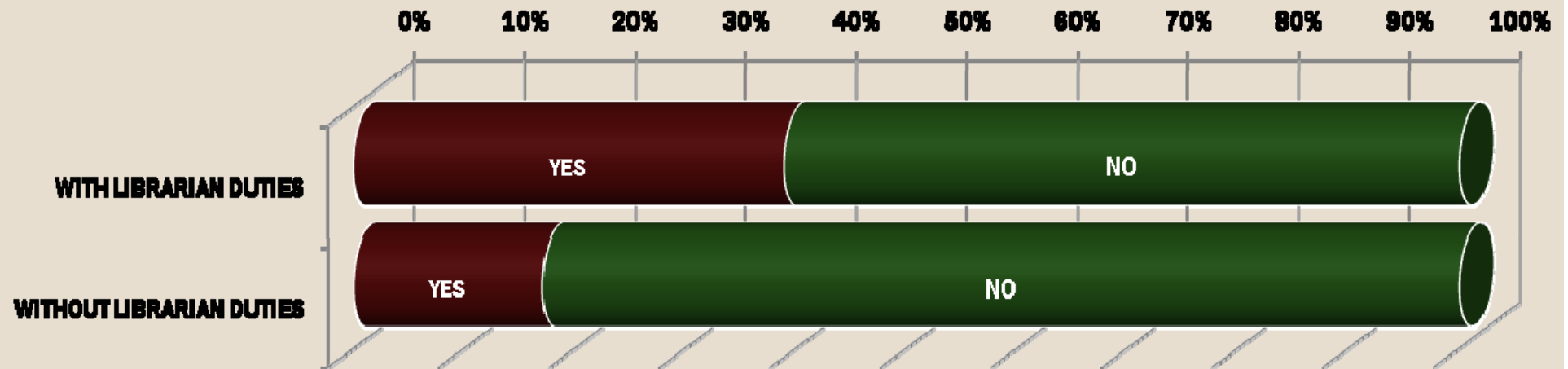


WITHOUT LIBRARY DUTIES

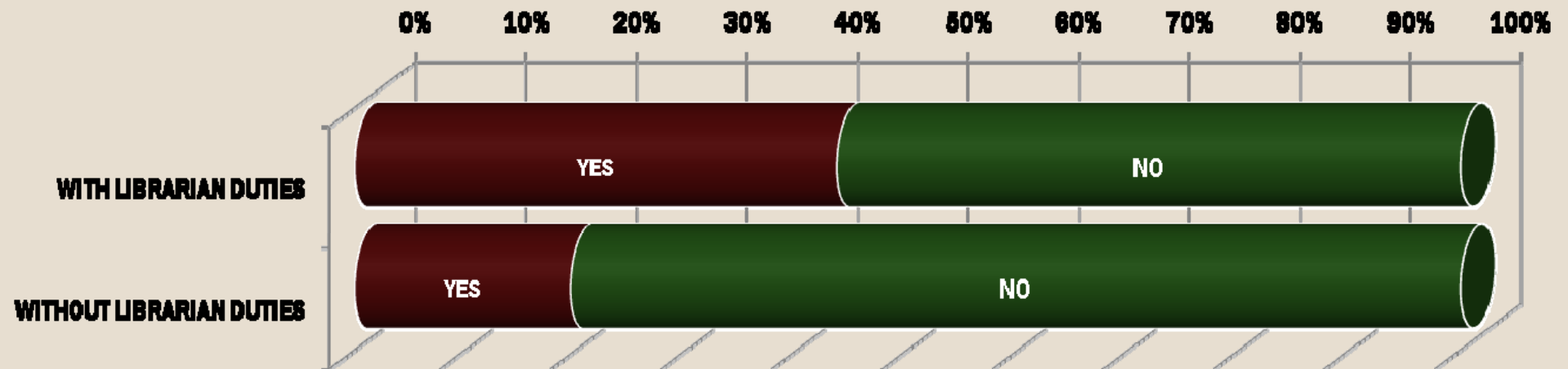


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IS THIS A TENURE TRACK POSITION?

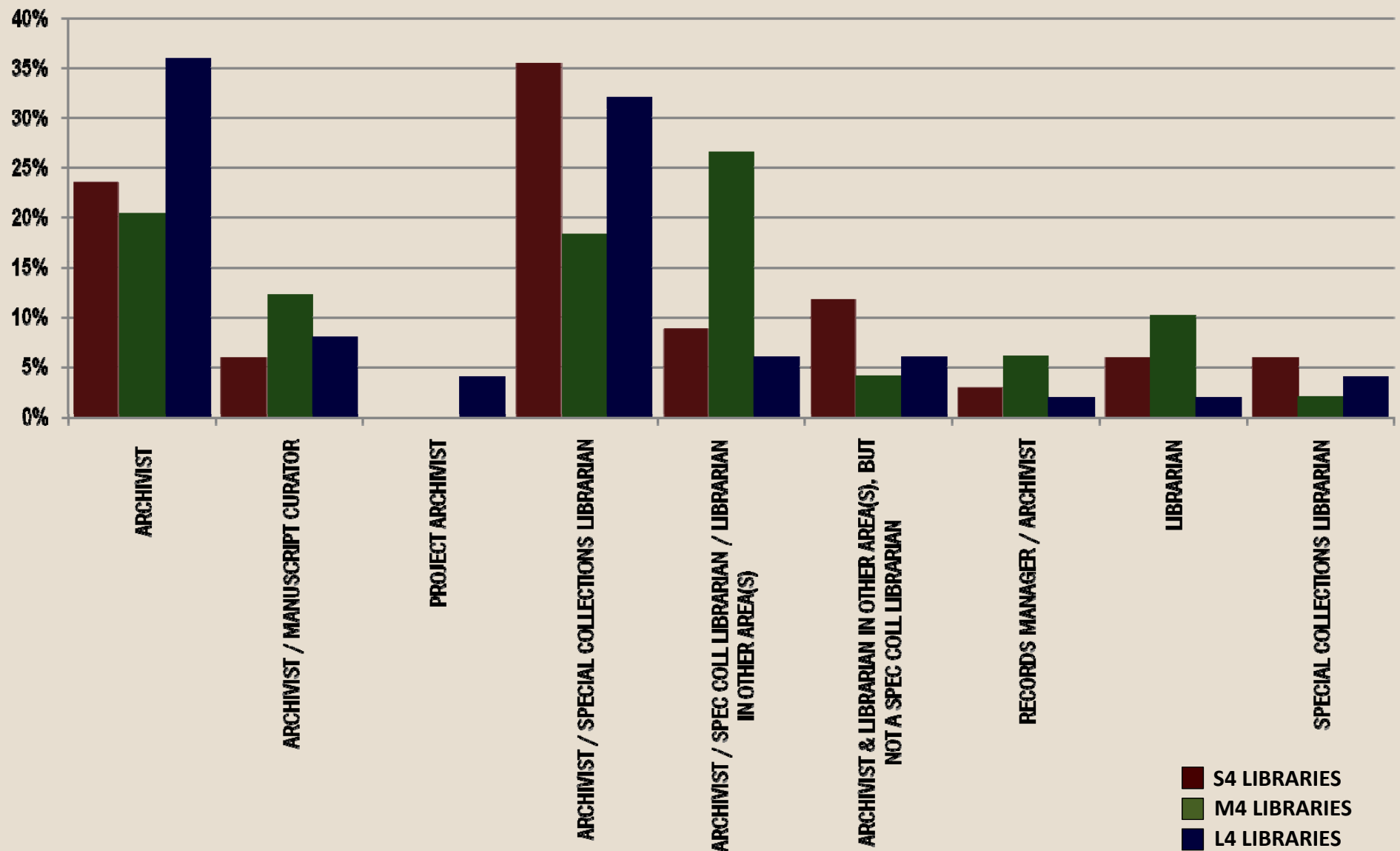


IS RESEARCH AND/OR SCHOLARLY WRITING A REQUIREMENT FOR YOUR POSITION?



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DESCRIBE YOUR PRIMARY ROLE (as an Archivist with Library Duties)



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CHALLENGES COMMENTS ANALYSIS OF TOP TEN OCCURING THEMES

ARCHIVISTS WITH LIBRARIAN DUTIES

Time

Non-archival responsibilities get in the way of archival responsibilities

Workload, working overtime

Basic archival duties
(accessioning, arranging, describing)

Balancing responsibilities, priorities & time

Backlog

Archivist being misunderstood

Balancing archivist/librarian duties
outreach, promotion of archives

Work quality concerns

Too many responsibilities

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Committee responsibilities

Understaffed/staffing issues

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BENEFITS COMMENTS ANALYSIS OF TOP TEN OCCURING THEMES

ARCHIVISTS WITH LIBRARIAN DUTIES

Interaction with main library

Outreach/promotion of, advocacy for archives

Interaction university wide & in the greater community

Increased knowledge of library functions & activities

Interaction with Faculty

Interaction with Students

Relationship between archivists & librarians

Reference desk duties or librarian (main library)

Increased/greater use of archives

Getting out of archives/isolation of the archives/lone arranger

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Increased knowledge of library functions & activities

Increased visibility/raised profile

Better understanding of the university

Library committees, work groups or teams

Multiple or variety of activities

Increased knowledge & skills

General committees

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Benefits of having non-archival responsibilities

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