Survey of Scholarly Journal Article Reading and Use
Faculty and Academic Staff

Your responses are confidential and data will be reported only in aggregated form. Because your answers are extremely important to the accuracy of our study, please submit the questionnaire even if you are unable to answer all the questions. We have tried to keep the questionnaire as short and simple as possible and yet achieve our study objectives. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Tenopir (ctenopir@utk.edu).

Section 1: Scholarly Article Reading

1. In the past month (30 days), approximately how many scholarly articles have you read? Articles can include those found in journal issues, Web sites, or separate copies such as preprints, reprints, and other electronic or paper copies. Reading is defined as going beyond the table of contents, title, and abstract to the body of the article.

   Number of articles read/used in the past month: _______ articles

The following questions in this section refer to the SCHOLARLY ARTICLE YOU READ MOST RECENTLY, even if you had read the article previously. Note that this last reading may not be typical, but will help us establish the range of patterns in reading.

2. What is the title of the journal from which this last article was read or, if not from a journal, what is the topic of the article?

   Journal Title ________________________________________________________________
   -or-
   General Topic of Article _____________________________________________________

3. What year was this article published/posted? _______
4. From which source/form did you read this article? (Choose only the one best answer.)

- □a. Personal subscription: □Print □Electronic
- □b. Library subscription: □Print □Electronic
- □c. School, department, etc. subscription: □Print □Electronic
- □d. Free Web journal
- □e. Preprint copy of the article: □Print □Electronic
- □f. Personal copy of the article: □Print □Electronic
- □g. Copy of the article from a colleague, author, etc.: □Print □Electronic
- □h. Interlibrary loan: □Print □Electronic
- □i. Document delivery service: □Print □Electronic
- □j. An author’s Web site
- □k. Other website (please specify) ________________________________
- □l. Other source (please specify) ________________________________

5. Thinking back to the source of the article, where would you obtain the information if that source were not available?

- □a. I would not bother getting the information
- □b. I would obtain the information from another source

If b. is checked:
In order to obtain the same information, if this source were not available, I would expect to spend ______ minutes of time and/or $ _______. (If the answer is zero, please enter “0” instead of leaving a blank.)

6. Where were you when you read this article?

- □a. Office or lab
- □b. Library
- □c. Home
- □d. Traveling
- □e. Elsewhere (please specify) ________________________________
7. From this same source (e.g., journal, author’s Web site, preprint archive), how many articles did you read in the last year (12 months)? (If the answer is zero, please enter “0” instead of leaving a blank.)

_______ Articles

8. How thoroughly did you read this article?
   □ a. With great care
   □ b. With attention to the main points
   □ c. Just to get the idea

9. Had you previously read this article, i.e., is this a re-reading?
   □ a. Yes
   □ b. No

10. How long did you spend reading this article most recently?
    _______ Minutes

11. Prior to your first reading of this article, did you know about the information reported or discussed in this article?
    □ a. Yes
    □ b. No (Skip to Question 12.)

11a. How did you first find out about the information?
    □ a. Conference or workshop
    □ b. Informal discussion with colleagues
    □ c. Listserv or news group
    □ d. Journal article
    □ e. E-mail from colleague
    □ f. E-print server (e.g., arXiv.org)
    □ g. Web site of author
    □ h. Other (please specify) ________________________________
12. How did you become aware of this last article you read?

☐ a. Found while browsing (i.e., started with a journal name, journal issue, or table of contents):
   - Personal subscription:  □Print   □Electronic
   - Library subscription:  □Print   □Electronic
   - School, department, etc. subscription:  □Print   □Electronic
   - Other (please specify) ________________________:  □Print   □Electronic
   Approximately how much time did you spend browsing? _______ Minutes
   As a result, how many articles did you read and plan to read? _______ Articles

☐ b. Found while I (or someone on my behalf) was searching (i.e., by subject or author’s name):
   - Web search engine (e.g., Google, Yahoo!, AltaVista)
   - Electronic indexing/abstracting service (e.g., Academic Search Premier, ERIC, PsycINFO)
   - Print index or abstract
   - Online journal collection (e.g., HighWire, OhioLINK EJC, JSTOR)
   - Current awareness service (e.g., Current Contents):  □Print   □Electronic
   - Preprint/e-print service
   - Other (please specify) ________________________:  □Print   □Electronic
   Approximately how much time did you (or someone on your behalf) spend searching? _______ Minutes
   As a result, how many articles did you read and plan to read? _______ Articles

☐ c. Cited in another publication

☐ d. Another person (e.g., a colleague) told me about it

☐ e. Do not know

☐ f. Other (please specify) ________________________________
13. In what form was the last article you read?
   □ a. Print article in a print journal
   □ b. Photocopy
   □ c. Facsimile copy
   □ d. Online computer screen
   □ e. Previously downloaded/saved and read on computer screen
   □ f. Downloaded and printed on paper
   □ g. Other (please specify) _________________________________

Section 2: Purposes and Consequences of the Last Article Reading

14. For what principal purpose did you use, or do you plan to use, the information obtained from the article you last read? (Choose only the one best answer.)
   □ a. Research
   □ b. Teaching
   □ c. Administration
   □ d. Current awareness/keeping up
   □ e. Writing proposals, reports, articles, etc.
   □ f. Consulting, advising others
   □ g. Internal or external presentations
   □ h. Continuing education for self
   □ i. Other (please specify) _________________________________

15. Do you think the reading of the article affected the principal purpose?
   □ a. Yes
   □ b. No (Skip to Question 16)
15a. In what ways did the reading of the article affect the principal purpose? (Choose all that apply.)
   □a. It improved the result
   □b. It narrowed/broadened/changed the focus
   □c. It inspired new thinking/ideas
   □d. It resulted in collaboration/joint research
   □e. It resulted in faster completion
   □f. It resolved technical problems
   □g. It saved time or other resources
   □h. Other (please specify) ___________________________________________

16. How important is the information contained in this article to achieving your principal purpose?
   □a. Not at all important
   □b. Somewhat important
   □c. Absolutely essential

17. Did you cite this article or do you plan to cite it in a paper or report?
   □a. No
   □b. Maybe
   □c. Already did
   □d. Will in the future

Section 3: Demographics

18. What is your academic discipline? (Select the term below that best describes your main academic interest.)
   □1. Art
   □2. Biology
   □3. Business Administration
   □4. Chemistry
   □5. Computer Science
   □6. Criminal Justice
□ 7.   Economics
□ 8.   English
□ 9.   Environmental Science
□ 10.  ESL program (ACCESS)
□ 11.  Family & Consumer Sciences
□ 12.  Foreign Languages
□ 13.  Geology
□ 14.  History
□ 15.  Journalism
□ 16.  Mathematics
□ 17.  Music
□ 18.  Nursing
□ 19.  Philosophy
□ 20.  Physics
□ 21.  Political Science
□ 22.  Psychology
□ 23.  Public Communication
□ 24.  Radio/TV/Video
□ 25.  Religion
□ 26.  Social Work
□ 27.  Sociology
□ 28.  Sport Communication
□ 29.  Sport Sciences
□ 30.  Teacher Education
□ 31.  Toxicology
□ 32.  Theatre
19. What is your rank?
   □ a. Professor
   □ b. Associate Professor
   □ c. Assistant Professor
   □ d. Instructor/Lecturer
   □ e. Adjunct
   □ f. Other (please specify) _____________________________________________

20. What is the highest degree you have earned?
   □ a. Bachelor’s (B.A., B.S., or equivalent)
   □ b. Master’s (M.A., M.S., M.B.A., M.F.A., or equivalent)
   □ c. Doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D., J.D. or equivalent)
   □ d. Other (please specify) _____________________________________________

21. What year did you receive your highest degree? _______

22. What is your age? _______

23. What is your sex/gender?
   □ a. Male
   □ b. Female

24. What percentage of your work time do you spend doing the following? (If the answer is zero, please enter “0” instead of leaving a blank.)
   _____% Teaching
   _____% Research and writing
   _____% Administrative
   _____% Service (to department, college, and wider community)
   _____% Consulting/advising
   _____% Other (please specify) _____________________________________________
   100% Total
25. In the past two years, how many of the following have you published? (If the answer is zero, please enter “0” instead of leaving a blank.)
   _____ Articles in refereed scholarly journals
   _____ Non-refereed articles
   _____ Scholarly books
   _____ Chapters in scholarly books, proceedings, etc.

26. What sources did you use for the last substantive piece of information you used for work? (Select all that apply.)
   □ a. Journal article
   □ b. Conference proceeding
   □ c. Web site
   □ d. Magazine article
   □ e. Book or book chapter
   □ f. Personal contact
   □ g. Other (please specify) ____________________________________________

27. In the past two years, have you received any awards or special recognition for your research or other profession-related contributions?
   □ a. Yes
   □ b. No

28. How many sections of courses did you teach in the last academic year? (If the answer is zero, please enter “0” instead of leaving a blank.)
   _____ Fall
   _____ Spring
   _____ Summer

29. Estimate the number of journal articles assigned to your students or likely to be read by your students in all your courses this year. (If the answer is zero, please enter “0” instead of leaving a blank.)
   _____ Undergraduate courses
   _____ Graduate courses

30. How many personal subscriptions to professional journals do you receive, including those obtained as a member of a professional society? (Personal subscriptions are those that are personally addressed to you at your home, office, or lab.) If the answer is zero, please enter “0” instead of leaving a blank.
   _____ Print-only subscriptions
   _____ Electronic-only subscriptions
   _____ Subscriptions that include both print and electronic versions
31. How has your use of scholarly materials changed in the last few years?

32. Other comments:

33. How many minutes did it take you to complete this survey?
   ______ Minutes

Thank you for your time!

Please return to:

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