Survey of Scholarly Journal Article Reading and Use Students

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

   If none, skip to Section 2.

2. Approximately how many of these articles were for a course? _______

   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.

3. 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 __________________________________________________

4. Approximately what year was this article published/posted? _______
5. For what purpose was this article read? (Choose only the one best answer.)
   □a. This article was required reading in a course
   □b. I read this article to help complete a course assignment or course paper (but it was not specifically required)
   □c. This article was for my thesis or dissertation
   □d. I read this article to keep up with the literature
   □e. This article was just of personal interest
   □f. Other (please specify) _____________________________________________

6. 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 Web site (please specify) ________________________________
   □l. Other source (please specify) ________________________________

7. Where were you when you read this article?
   □a. Office or lab
   □b. Library
   □c. Dormitory
   □d. Home (off-campus)
   □e. Traveling
   □f. Elsewhere (please specify) ________________________________
8. How long did you spend reading this article most recently? 
_______ Minutes

9. 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) _______________________
   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 Premiere, 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) ________________________
   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. An instructor told me about it

☐ e. It was in the course outline/readings list

☐ f. Do not know

☐ g. Other (please specify) ____________________________________________
10. 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: Demographics

11. What is your academic discipline?
   □1. Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
   □2. Anthropology
   □3. Architecture and Design
   □4. Art
   □5. Audiology and Speech Pathology
   □6. Business Administration
   □7. Biology
   □8. Chemistry
   □9. Classics
   □10. Communication and Information
   □11. Computer Science
   □12. Earth and Planetary Sciences
   □13. Education, Health, and Human Sciences
   □14. Engineering
   □15. English
   □16. Geography
   □17. History
   □18. Mathematics
   □19. Law
20. Modern Foreign Languages & Literatures
21. Music
22. Nursing
23. Philosophy
24. Physics and Astronomy
25. Political Science
26. Psychology
27. Religious Studies
28. Social Work
29. Sociology
30. Theatre
31. Veterinary Medicine
32. Undecided

12. What is your academic status?
   a. Freshman
   b. Sophomore
   c. Junior
   d. Senior
   e. Master’s student
   f. Doctoral student
   g. Other (please specify) ____________________________

13. What is your age? _______

14. What is your sex/gender?
   a. Male
   b. Female
15. What is your ethnicity?
   □ a. White
   □ b. Hispanic or Latino
   □ c. Black or African American
   □ d. Asian/ Pacific Islander
   □ e. Other

16. Are you a full-time or part-time student?
   □ a. Full-time
   □ b. Part-time

17. How has your use of scholarly materials changed in the last few years?

18. Other comments:

19. How many minutes did it take you to complete this survey?
   _______ Minutes

Thank you for your time!

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