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# International ILL: A Global Perspective on Resource Sharing

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#### Overview

- Purpose of STARS International ILL Committee:
  - To evaluate trends in international interlibrary loan (ILL) and resource sharing, to develop materials and resources for international ILL practitioners, and to promote international ILL resource sharing efforts.
- 2007 US Survey Findings:
  - ➤ Baich, T., Zou, T., Weltin H., Yang Z. (2009), "Lending and borrowing across borders: issues and challenges with international resource sharing", *Reference and User Services Quarterly*, Vol. 49, No. 1, pp. 54-63.



## Getting the Word Out!

#### Listservs:

➤ILL-L ➤ CircPlus

➤ Stars-L ➤ LLAMA-L

➤IFLA-L ➤ LLAMA-SASS-L

➤IFLA Doc Del ➤RUSA-L

➤ Arie-L ➤ Doc Libs Australia

#### Direct Contact:

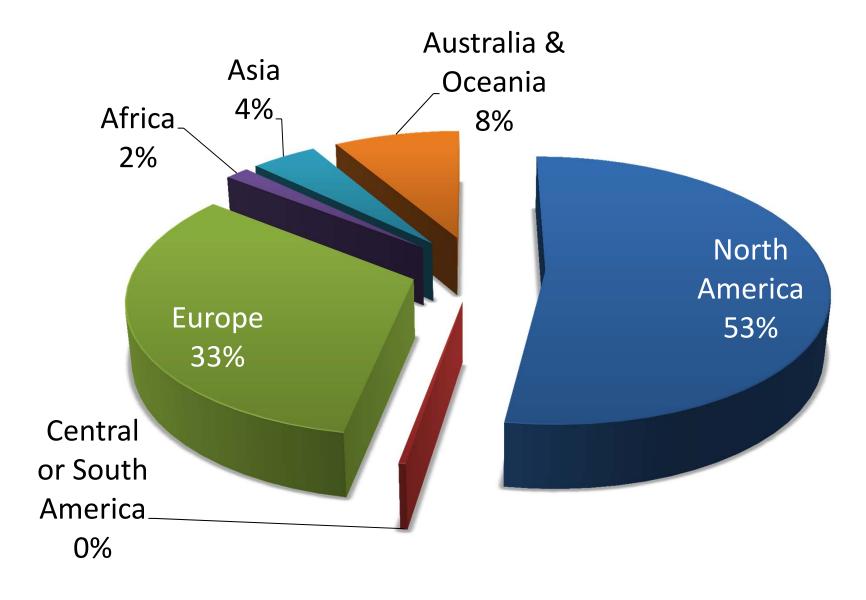
- > Libraries sharing with their international contacts
- Bookmarks in foreign languages
- > Email to National Libraries



## **Demographics**



#### **Total Responses by Continent**





#### **Top 10 Responding Countries**

United States 246

Canada 47

Australia 37

Sweden 36

Italy 29

Norway 27

Denmark 22

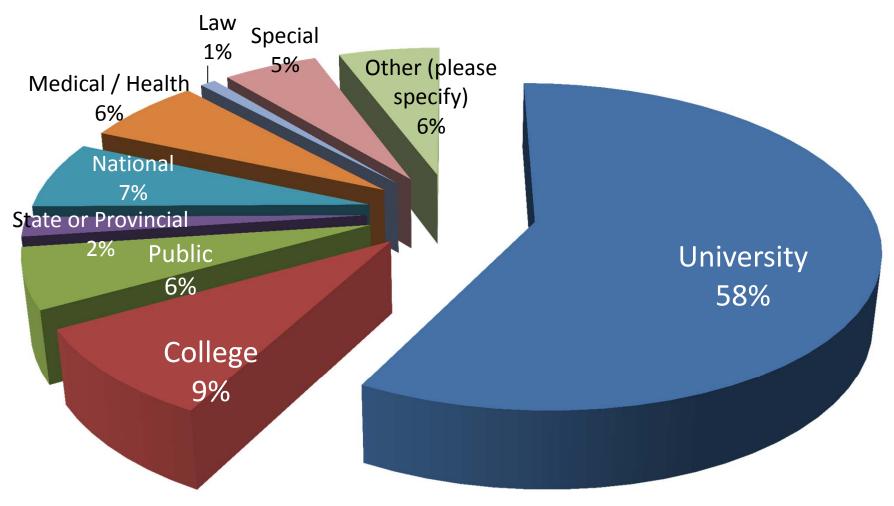
Germany 15

United Kingdom 15

New Zealand 8



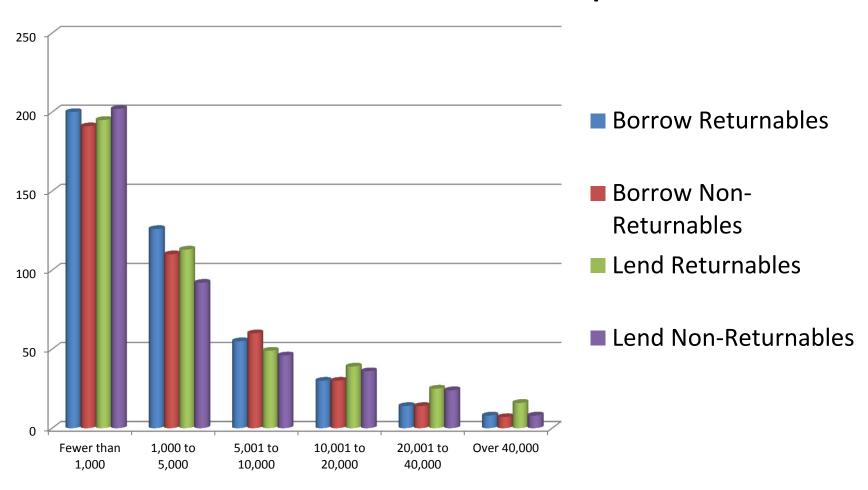
## Type of Libraries



<sup>\*</sup> School (Primary & Secondary) 0% with 1 response.

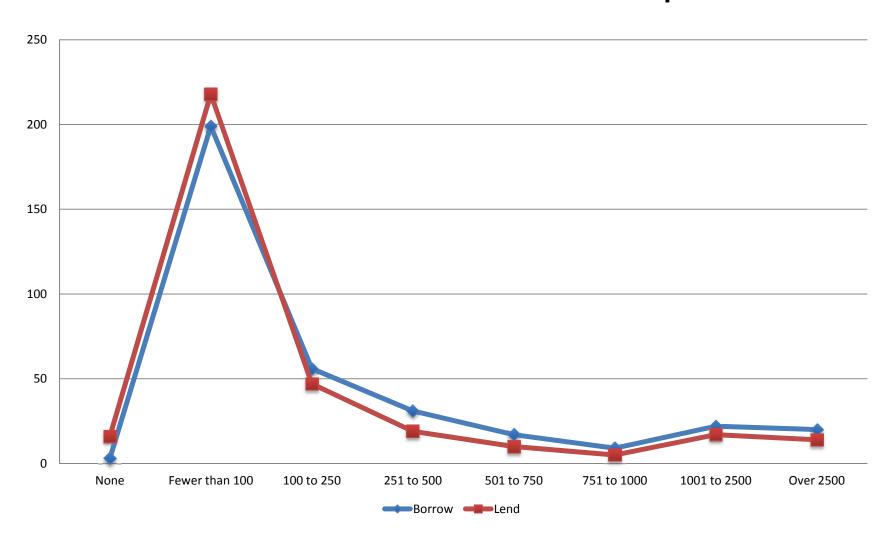


#### Overall Volume of Requests





## Volume of International Requests

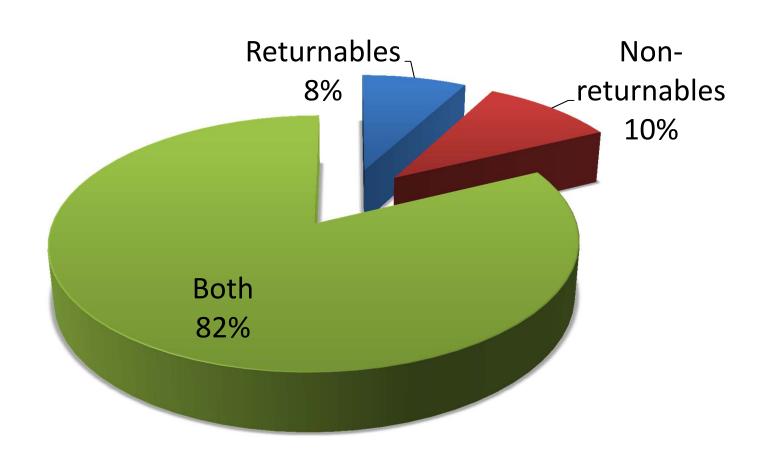




## Borrowing

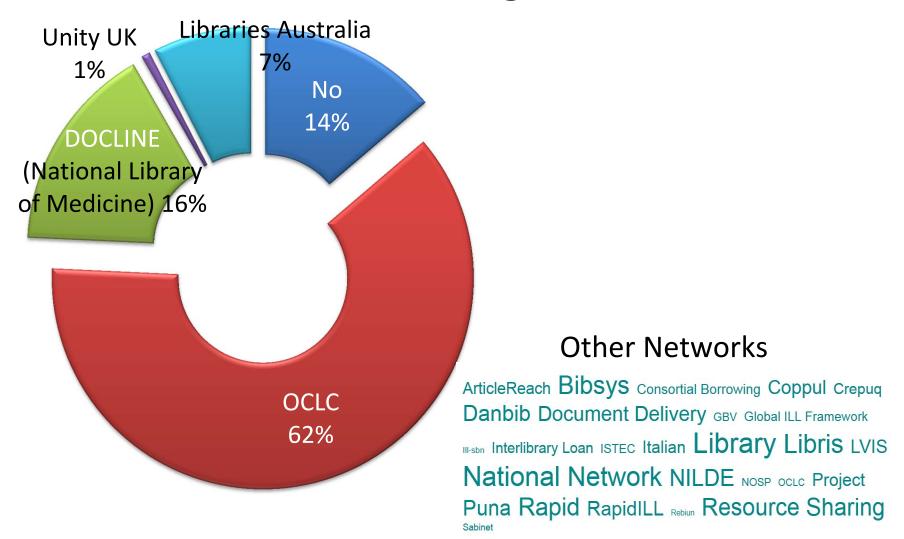


# Types of Materials Requested Internationally

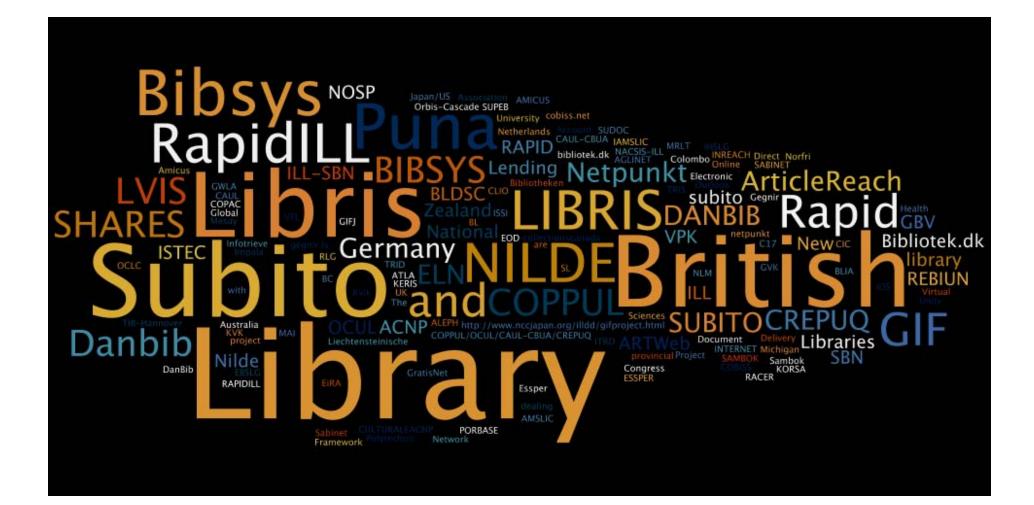




#### Resource Sharing Networks

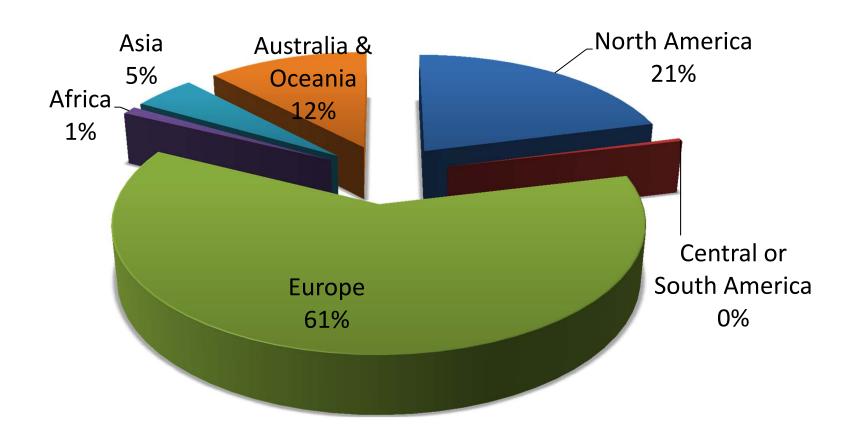






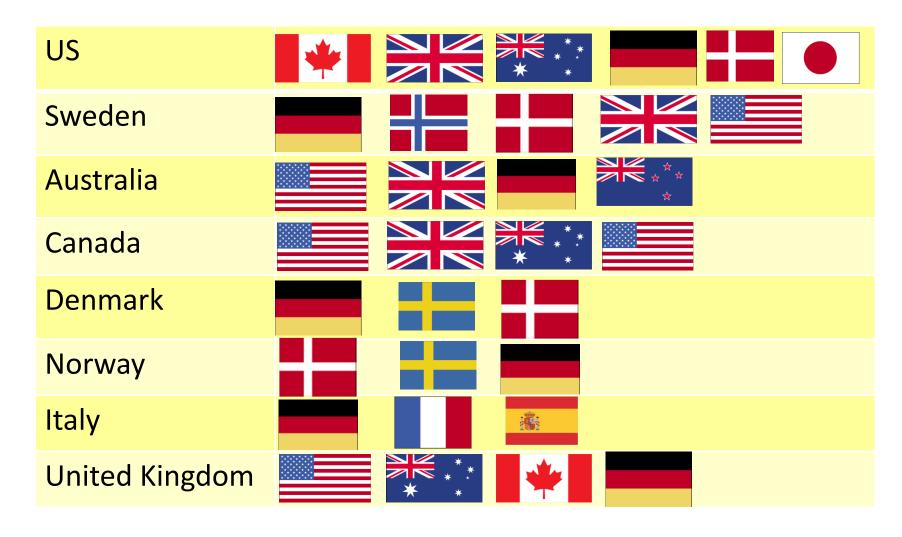


# Continents from Which Libraries Will Borrow



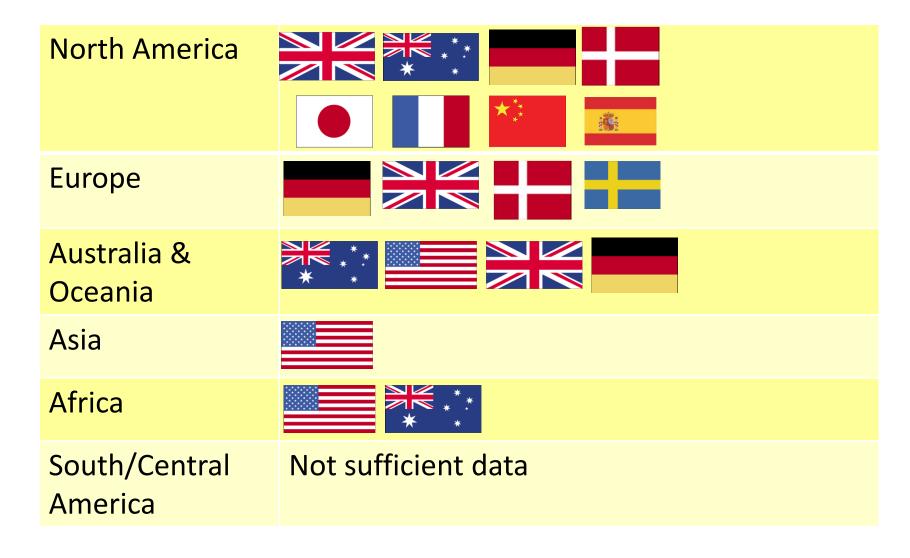


#### **Favorite Lenders**



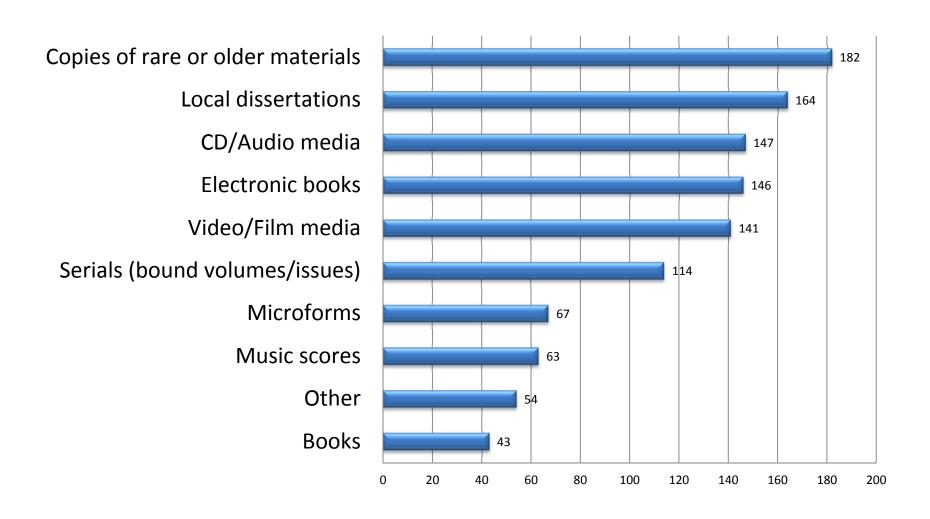


#### **Favorite Lenders**





#### Hard to Obtain Materials





#### Fees to Users

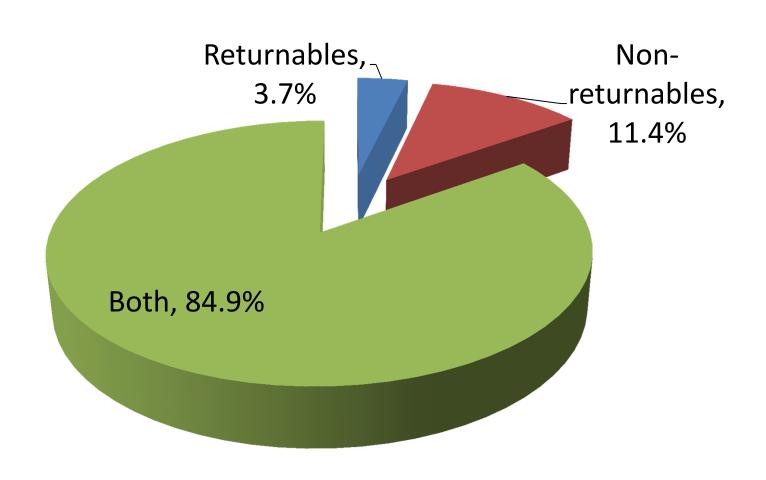
	No fees or charges	Standard fee or flat rate	All costs incurred	Shipping costs only	Only costs above our regular limit	Only for some users	Response Count
Domestic	63.1% (281)	24.9% (111)	4.0% (18)	2.0% (9)	7.0% (31)	10.3% (46)	445
International	48.8% (203)	30.0% (125)	9.4% (39)	5.8% (24)	6.7% (28)	8.7% (36)	416
	1	2	3	6	5	4	



# Lending

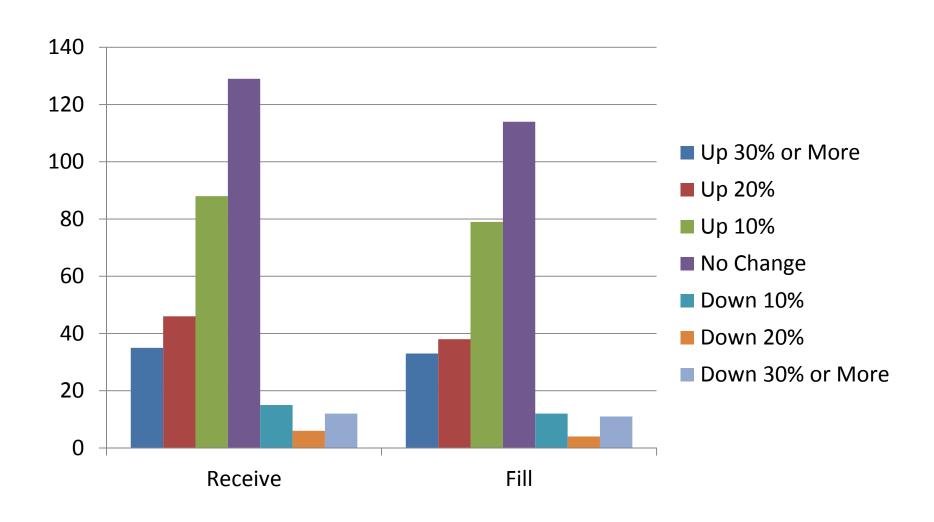


## Types of Materials Lent Internationally





## Volume of International Lending





#### Reasons for Change

#### **Increased Volume**

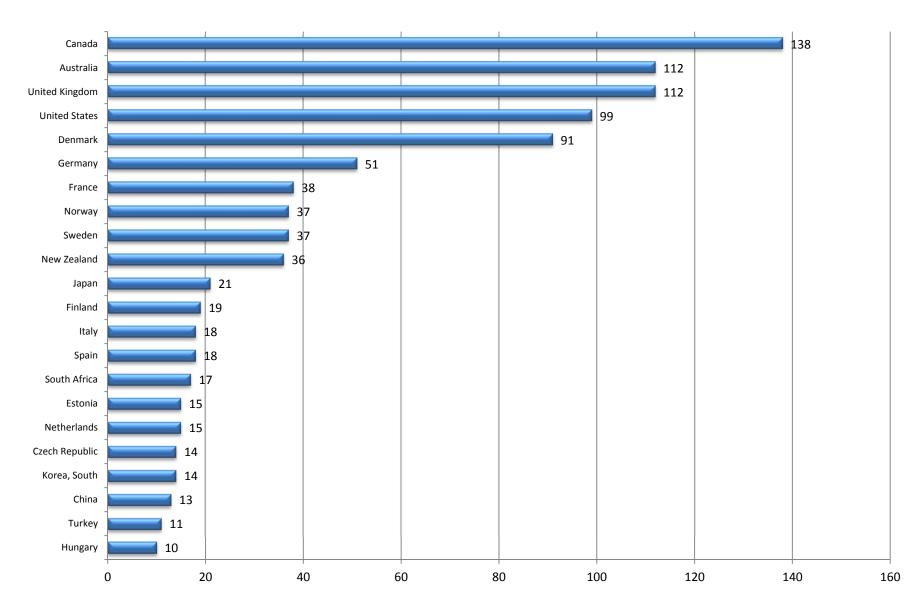
- Visibility of holdings through online tools
- New membership in resource sharing networks
- Ease and speed of electronic delivery

#### **Decreased Volume**

- Copyright and licensing restrictions
- Prohibitive shipping costs
- Greater availability of online resources
- Payment options

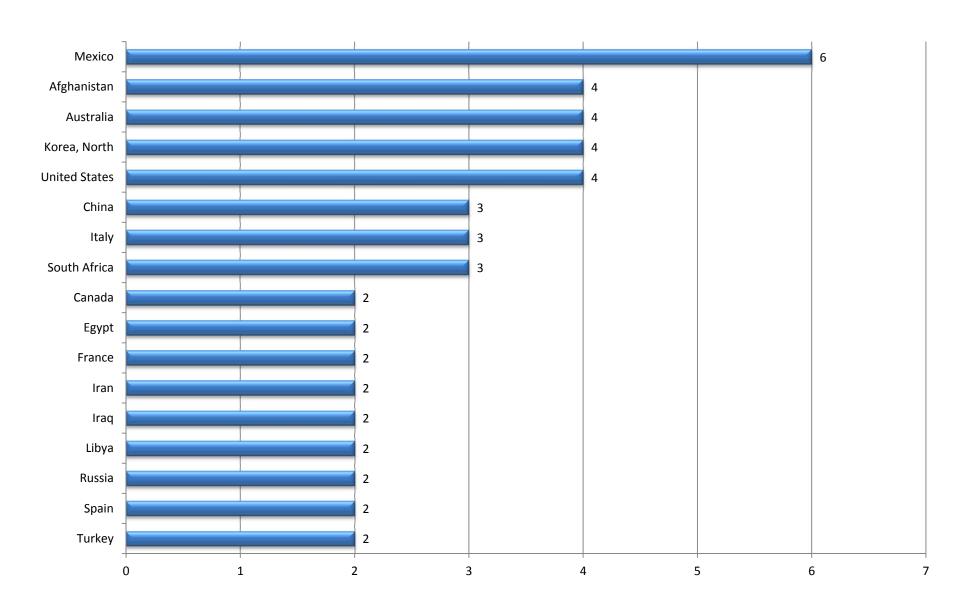


## Countries to Which Libraries Will Lend





#### Countries to Which Libraries Will Not Lend



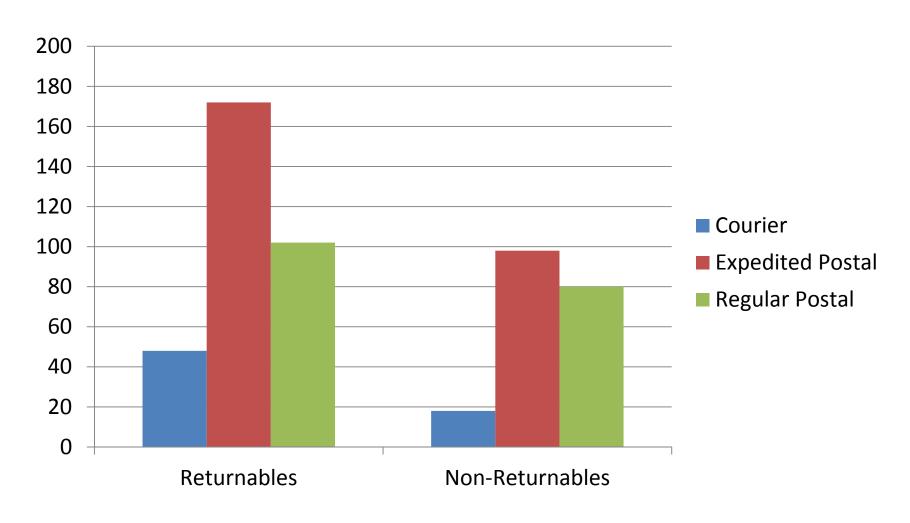


## Copyright & Licensing Restrictions

- 20.3% don't deliver non-returnables electronically
- 42.3% can't supply non-returnables because of copyright

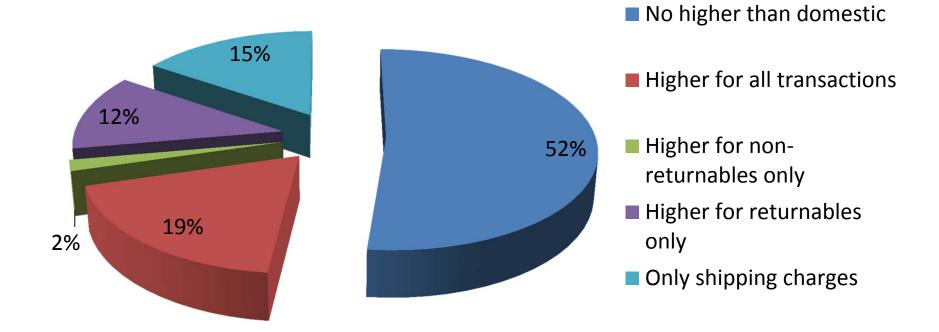


# Shipping



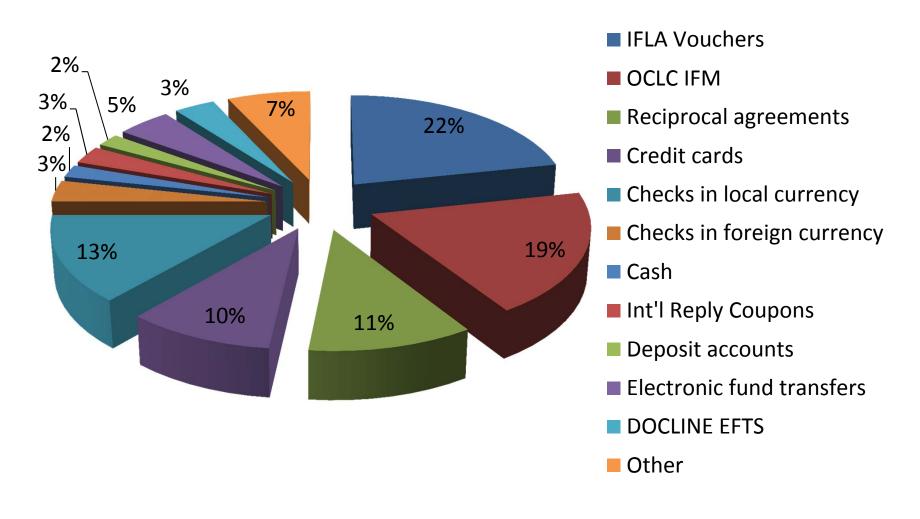


#### Fees





## **Payment Options**





#### Communications

- Top methods for receiving requests:
  - ➤ E-mail (86.1%)
  - >OCLC (56.4%)
  - ➤ Fax (32.9%)
  - ➤ Mail (31.4%)
- Only 35.7% have lending policies posted on library web site
- 58.8% do not routinely refer requests to other lenders when unable to supply



## Conclusion



## Comparison

#### 2007 survey of US libraries

- Over 50% have annual volume of less than 5,000
- 94% borrow and lend internationally
- Canada, Australia, UK among top countries from which libraries borrow and to which libraries will lend
- Videos/Films, Books more than 100 years old, & Dissertations identified as most difficult to borrow

## **2011** survey of international libraries

- Over 50% have annual volume of less than 5,000
- 87.3% borrow internationally
- 86.9% lend internationally
- Canada, Australia, UK among top countries from which libraries borrow and to which libraries will lend
- Copies of rare or older materials, Dissertations, & CD/Audio media identified as most difficult to borrow



## Summary

- Level of international ILL activity
  - >51% reported an increase of at least 10%
  - ➤ Visibility of collections
- Online lending policies
  - ➤ Only 35.7% make available on library website
- Next step
  - ➤ Separate analysis of US and non-US data



## Questions?

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