

This year's Interlibrary Loan Traffic Survey was sent to 3,972 libraries throughout Illinois. This number represents individual school, public, and special libraries as well as school districts. Of those surveyed 1,204 respondents returned the questionnaire for 1,428 libraries. Some libraries that returned the Interlibrary Loan Traffic Survey responded for more than one library. Therefore, in order to get an accurate base number, we are counting each individual library as one respondent.

Overall, 78 percent of libraries (N=1,428) request materials through interlibrary loan. The total number of interlibrary loan items requested was 2,436,740 and of those 91.9 percent or 2,238,849 items was actually received. Respondents reported that 35.2 percent of the items requested by their library were to In State institutions while only 1.6 percent were to Out of State institutions. In all, 63.2 percent could not separate their In State and Out of State items. The percent of returnables consisted of 80.4 percent of all items requested while non returnables only represented 5.2 percent of all items requested. Only 14.4 percent of libraries reported that they could not separate returnables from non-returnables.

It was reported that 64 percent (N=1,428) of libraries lend materials through interlibrary loan. These requests from libraries resulted in 2,620,478 items being loaned. Of these 83.2 percent or 2,179,489 items were actually supplied. Of these items 64.1 percent were In State loans, 1.9 percent were Out of State loans, and 34 percent of respondents could not separate their totals. The percent of returnables consisted of 81.9 percent of all items loaned while non returnables only represented 4.3 percent of all items loaned. Only 13.8 percent of libraries reported that they could not separate returnables from non-returnables.