

Table 2. Expenditures, 1992: National Averages

Highest level of degree	Total operating expenditures per FTE student	Current serials as % of collection expenditures
	\$	%
Doctorate	902.90	55.7
Master's	659.36	43.0
Bachelor's	431.86	37.0
< 4 years	184.69	29.2

Typically, forms are sent from NCES to the state agency to the campus office responsible for institutional research. The route back to NCES reverses the distribution route (i.e., campus to state agency to NCES).

Since 1990 ALA, ACRL, and ARL have been working with NCES to establish and maintain a system whereby a "library representative" (LR) in each state has agreed to help NCES with the biennial data collection. At this writing only two states lack LRs. In 10 states the LR is available to assist the state IPEDS coordinator. In 38 other states and the District of Columbia the LR keys data from the forms submitted by libraries into the special software developed by NCES called IDEALS (Input and Data Editing for Academic Library Statistics). After running edit checks, the LR sends a diskette to NCES for creation of the national report. The LRs in several states also use the data locally for state-level reports (e.g., Michigan, Utah, Louisiana).

Obtaining the 1992 data

The 1992 report and data files are available from several sources:

- **Internet.** The report and the data files are available on the U.S. Department of Education/OERI gopher server: select Educational Research, Improvement, and Statistics (OERI & NCES)/; then select National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)/; followed by Library Statistics Program/; then select Surveys and Studies/; followed by Academic Library Statistics.

The data files and the report are each preceded by an accompanying descriptive readme file. Each readme file, the report, and the data files may be downloaded. The report and the data files have been com-

pressed on Internet using a software program called pkzip. This is available on the department's gopher server under the main menu.

- **Government Printing Office (GPO).** Copies of the report and the data files can be purchased from New Orders, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. You may place credit card orders by fax at (202) 512-2250.

Call the GPO Order Desk at (202) 512-1800 for additional ordering information or to place your order by telephone.

- **National Data Resource Center (NDRC).** If you provide two DOS-formatted high-density 3.5" diskettes and a self-addressed diskette mailer, the NDRC will provide you the data file free of charge. Send your request by Internet to: ndrc@pcci.com; or send a fax to (703) 820-7465; or write to NDRC at 1900 Beauregard Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22311; or call (703) 845-3151. ■

Letter

Gover gets credit for coining phrase

To the Editor:

Thanks to everyone in ACRL who provided a summary report of their programs in Miami ("ACRL in Miami: Taking the Network Plunge," September 1994). We are also pleased to note that ACRL liked the title of our Extended Off-Campus Library Services Section (ECLSS) program enough to use it in the heading of the report. As chairperson of the ECLSS Program Committee for Miami, I was honored to be able to work with a number of individuals who helped make our program a huge success. I would like especially to recognize the person who created the name "Taking the Network Plunge": Harvey Gover, branch campus librarian at Washington State University and a member of the Planning Committee.—*Thomas E. Abbott, dean, Learning Resources and University Development, University of Maine at Augusta*



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