

Survey of Library Services for Distance Learning Programs

Institutions were also less likely to consider copyright issues of access, faxing and photocopying for distance learners a problem at all as the number of FTE distance learners decreased. 22% of colleges with over 2,000 FTE distance learners reported that it was not a problem at all, compared with 67% of institutions with fewer than 250 FTE distance learners. Similarly, participants were more likely to indicate that copyright issues were sometimes a problem as the number of FTE distance learners increased.

For libraries with a budget for copyright materials largely for use by distance learners, mean spending was \$15,578. Unfortunately, we did not receive enough data for this question to break out the data according to various criteria.

Table 11.1: Access to the Library's Databases by Distance Learners vs. On-Campus Students

	All of our databases can be accessed remotely	At least 75% of our databases can be accessed remotely	Many of our databases cannot be accessed off campus
Entire Sample	63.27%	33.67%	3.06%

Table 11.2: Access to the Library's Databases by Distance Learners vs. On-Campus Students, Broken Out by U.S. and Non-U.S. Libraries

U.S. and Non-U.S. Libraries	All of our databases can be accessed remotely	At least 75% of our databases can be accessed remotely	Many of our databases cannot be accessed off campus
U.S.	68.35%	29.11%	2.53%
Non-U.S.	42.11%	52.63%	5.26%

Table 11.3: Access to the Library's Databases by Distance Learners vs. On-Campus Students, Broken Out by Carnegie Class

Carnegie Class	All of our databases can be accessed remotely	At least 75% of our databases can be accessed remotely	Many of our databases cannot be accessed off campus
Community College	64.71%	35.29%	0.00%
4-Year Degree Granting College	57.14%	42.86%	0.00%
MA or PhD Granting College	65.71%	28.57%	5.71%
Research University	59.09%	36.36%	4.55%

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Table 11.4: Access to the Library's Databases by Distance Learners vs. On-Campus Students, Broken Out by Public or Private Status

Public or Private Status	All of our databases can be accessed remotely	At least 75% of our databases can be accessed remotely	Many of our databases cannot be accessed off campus
Public College	63.01%	34.25%	2.74%
Private College	64.00%	32.00%	4.00%

Table 11.5: Access to the Library's Databases by Distance Learners vs. On-Campus Students, Broken Out by Number of FTE Students at the Institution

Number of FTE Students at the Institution	All of our databases can be accessed remotely	At least 75% of our databases can be accessed remotely	Many of our databases cannot be accessed off campus
>12,000	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
6,001-12,000	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%
2,500-6,000	56.00%	36.00%	8.00%
<2,500	70.83%	25.00%	4.17%

Table 11.6: Access to the Library's Databases by Distance Learners vs. On-Campus Students, Broken Out by Number of FTE Distance Learners

Number of FTE Distance Learners	All of our databases can be accessed remotely	At least 75% of our databases can be accessed remotely	Many of our databases cannot be accessed off campus
>2,000	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
1,000-2,000	63.16%	36.84%	0.00%
250-999	60.00%	35.00%	5.00%
<250	61.90%	28.57%	9.52%

Table 11.7: Access to the Library's Databases by Distance Learners vs. On-Campus Students, Broken Out by Percentage of Distance Learners Living More than 50 Miles from Campus

Percentage of Distance Learners Living More than 50 Miles from Campus	All of our databases can be accessed remotely	At least 75% of our databases can be accessed remotely	Many of our databases cannot be accessed off campus
80-100%	69.57%	26.09%	4.35%
51-79%	47.06%	52.94%	0.00%
25-50%	56.52%	39.13%	4.35%
1-24%	70.00%	25.00%	5.00%

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Table 11.8: Extent to which Copyright Issues Relating to Access, Faxing and Photocopying for Distance Learners are a Problem

	Not a problem at all for us	Sometimes a problem for us	Frequently a problem for us
Entire Sample	48.96%	47.92%	3.13%

Table 11.9: Extent to which Copyright Issues Relating to Access, Faxing and Photocopying for Distance Learners are a Problem, Broken Out by U.S. and Non-U.S. Libraries

U.S. and Non-U.S. Libraries	Not a problem at all for us	Sometimes a problem for us	Frequently a problem for us
U.S.	49.35%	50.65%	0.00%
Non-U.S.	47.37%	36.84%	15.79%

Table 11.10: Extent to which Copyright Issues Relating to Access, Faxing and Photocopying for Distance Learners are a Problem, Broken Out by Carnegie Class

Carnegie Class	Not a problem at all for us	Sometimes a problem for us	Frequently a problem for us
Community College	75.76%	24.24%	0.00%
4-Year Degree Granting College	42.86%	42.86%	14.29%
MA or PhD Granting College	38.24%	61.76%	0.00%
Research University	27.27%	63.64%	9.09%

Table 11.11: Extent to which Copyright Issues Relating to Access, Faxing and Photocopying for Distance Learners are a Problem, Broken Out by Public or Private Status

Public or Private Status	Not a problem at all for us	Sometimes a problem for us	Frequently a problem for us
Public College	50.70%	45.07%	4.23%
Private College	44.00%	56.00%	0.00%

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Table 11.12: Extent to which Copyright Issues Relating to Access, Faxing and Photocopying for Distance Learners are a Problem, Broken Out by Number of FTE Students at the Institution

Number of FTE Students at the Institution	Not a problem at all for us	Sometimes a problem for us	Frequently a problem for us
>12,000	40.91%	54.55%	4.55%
6,001-12,000	48.00%	52.00%	0.00%
2,500-6,000	44.00%	48.00%	8.00%
<2,500	62.50%	37.50%	0.00%

Table 11.13: Extent to which Copyright Issues Relating to Access, Faxing and Photocopying for Distance Learners are a Problem, Broken Out by Number of FTE Distance Learners

Number of FTE Distance Learners	Not a problem at all for us	Sometimes a problem for us	Frequently a problem for us
>2,000	22.22%	72.22%	5.56%
1,000-2,000	42.11%	52.63%	5.26%
250-999	55.56%	38.89%	5.56%
<250	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%

Table 11.14: Extent to which Copyright Issues Relating to Access, Faxing and Photocopying for Distance Learner are a Problem, Broken Out by Percentage of Distance Learners Living More than 50 Miles from Campus

Percentage of Distance Learners Living More than 50 Miles from Campus	Not a problem at all for us	Sometimes a problem for us	Frequently a problem for us
80-100%	30.43%	65.22%	4.35%
51-79%	58.82%	35.29%	5.88%
25-50%	59.09%	36.36%	4.55%
1-24%	52.63%	47.37%	0.00%

Table 11.15: Mean, Median, Minimum and Maximum Amount Spent Annually by Libraries that have a Formal or Informal Budget for Copyright Materials for Databases, Ebooks and Other Copyright Materials that will be Used Largely by Distance Learners, in US\$

	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Entire Sample	15,757.86	8,000.00	0.00	54,505.00

We asked for, but did not receive, enough data to break out the above data.