

Research engagement of health sciences librarians: a survey of research-related activities and attitudes

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Table 13
Research grants, by subject

Broad subject categories	n	Percent	Topics	n	Percent
Applied*	166	80.6%			
Outreach	59	28.6%	Outreach to underserved populations	19	9.2%
			Patient/consumer	14	6.8%
			Training for health care professionals	9	4.4%
			Other or uncategorized	8	3.9%
			Library services to nonaffiliates	5	2.4%
			Public libraries	4	1.9%
Education (end users)	24	11.7%	Information literacy for specific groups	8	3.9%
			Other or uncategorized	6	2.9%
			Educational programs for health professionals	3	1.5%
			Online tutorials or guides posted online	3	1.5%
			EBP training	2	1.0%
			Needs assessment	1	0.5%
			Patient/consumer	1	0.5%
Technology	21	10.2%	Other or unspecified	7	3.4%
			System/network upgrades	4	1.9%
			Handheld/mobile/e-reader (iPads/laptops)	3	1.5%
			Emerging technologies	2	1.0%
			Simulation learning	2	1.0%
			Websites	2	1.0%
			Social networking	1	0.5%
Information access & retrieval	19	9.2%	Digital repository/digitization	5	2.4%
			Population-specific web development	4	1.9%
			EHR links	3	1.5%
			Improved e-resources access	3	1.5%
			Integrated Advanced Information Management Systems	2	1.0%
			Consortium union catalog	1	0.5%

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Information behavior & use	14	6.8%	Data management	1	0.5%
			Other or unspecified	6	2.9%
			Patient/consumer	4	1.9%
			Disaster information use	2	1.0%
Collection management & development	13	6.3%	Nurses/nursing	2	1.0%
			Consumer health services/resources in libraries	7	3.4%
			New resource development	5	2.4%
			Preservation	1	0.5%
Needs assessment	7	3.4%	Informatics needs assessment	6	2.9%
Public services	5	2.4%	Other or unspecified	1	0.5%
			Searching strategies/protocols	2	1.0%
			Service enhancements based on assessment data	2	1.0%
			New services service models	1	0.5%
Administration & management	4	1.9%		4	1.9%
Professional concerns*	12	5.8%			
Professional issues	12	5.8%	Library careers/professional development	6	2.9%
			Other or uncategorized	4	1.9%
			Publication patterns/journal prices	2	1.0%
Related Fields*	28	13.6%			
Health research	25	12.1%	Other or unspecified	8	3.9%
			Medical care/education	7	3.4%
			Public health	5	2.4%
			Decision making	2	1.0%
			Nurses/nursing	2	1.0%
			Veterinary medicine	1	0.5%
Institution/environment	3	1.5%		3	1.5%
Theoretical*	0	—			
General*	0	—			
Total usable responses	206	100.0%		206	100.0%
Unusable responses	21				
Total responses	227				

* Broad subject categories (general, professional concerns, theoretical, applied, and related fields) were based on Dimitroff's classification scheme of published research in the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association* [10].