SALS System Use and Satisfaction Survey 2012



1. In general, how satisfied are you with the services you receive from SALS?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Rating Average	Response Count	
Select one	81.6% (93)	16.7% (19)	0.9% (1)	0.9% (1)	3.79	114	
				answered question			
skipped question						6	

2. Which of the services provided by SALS do you now use?

	Use	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count	
Polaris/Automation	97.2% (105)	2.8% (3)	3.97	108	
Delivery/Interlibrary Loan/Resource Sharing	97.3% (107)	2.7% (3)	3.97	110	
Continuing Education and Consulting	76.9% (70)	23.1% (21)	3.77	91	
Central Library Services	83.1% (74)	16.9% (15)	3.83	89	
		answered question			
		skipp	ed question	5	

3. How valuable and relevant are the services provided by SALS to you in your efforts to serve your patrons?

	Very valuable	Somewhat valuable	Not Very Valuable	Of no Value	Don't Use	Rating Average	Response Count
Select one	89.6% (103)	10.4% (12)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.90	115
					answered	115	
					skipped	5	

4. What additional services could SALS provide that would help you serve your patrons better? Please be as specific as you can.

Response
Count

22

answered question	22
skipped question	98

5. Which of the following services do you use?

	Use	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count		
POLARIS Integrated Library System	97.9% (95)	2.1% (2)	3.98	97		
Joint Automation Project (JA) consulting services for new projects	75.3% (58)	24.7% (19)	3.75	77		
Automation training	77.0% (57)	23.0% (17)	3.77	74		
Joint Automation Project (JA) support for daily operations	76.6% (59)	23.4% (18)	3.77	77		
Email accounts	95.8% (91)	4.2% (4)	3.96	95		
POLARIS reports	85.9% (73)	14.1% (12)	3.86	85		
Access to databases	83.9% (73)	16.1% (14)	3.84	87		
	answered question					
skipped question						

6. In general, how satisfied are you with the Polaris/Automation services you receive from SALS?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count
Select one	72.4% (71)	23.5% (23)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.1% (4)	4.60	98
	answered question					98	
					skipped	question	22

7. How valuable and relevant are these services to you in your efforts to serve your patrons?

	Very valuable	Somewhat valuable	Not very valuable	Of no value	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count
Select one	89.8% (88)	8.2% (8)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.0% (2)	4.84	98
				answered question			98
					skipped	question	22

8. Which of the following services do you use?

	Use	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count		
Delivery	93.4% (85)	6.6% (6)	3.93	91		
Interlibrary Loan among SALS/MVLS libraries	98.9% (94)	1.1% (1)	3.99	95		
Access to regional resources: CDLC, OCLC	74.7% (59)	25.3% (20)	3.75	79		
		answered question				
		skipped question				

9. In general, how satisfied are you with the resouce sharing services you receive from SALS?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count
Select one	88.9% (88)	9.1% (9)	1.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.0% (1)	4.85	99
	answered question					99	
					skipped	question	21

10. How valuable and relevant are these services to you in your efforts to serve your patrons?

	Very valuable	Somewhat valuable	Not very valuable	Of no value	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count
Select one:	96.9% (95)	2.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.0% (1)	4.94	98
					answered	98	
					skipped	question	22

11. Which of the following services do you use?

	Use	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count	
Continuing Education	78.2% (68)	21.8% (19)	3.78	87	
Consulting	65.9% (54)	34.1% (28)	3.66	82	
answered question					
skipped question					

12. In general, how satisfied are you with the Continuing Education and Consulting services you receive from SALS?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count
Select one	55.7% (49)	25.0% (22)	2.3% (2)	0.0% (0)	17.0% (15)	4.02	88
	answered question					88	
	skipped question					32	

13. How valuable and relevant are these services to you in your efforts to serve your patrons?

	Very valuable	Somewhat valuable	Not very valuable	Of no value	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count
Select one:	56.2% (50)	23.6% (21)	3.4% (3)	0.0% (0)	16.9% (15)	4.02	89
	answered question					89	
					31		

14. Did you attend any workshops provided by SALS during the past year?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	69.1%	65
No	30.9%	29
	answered question	94
	skipped question	26

15. Most library staff and trustees have a "wish list" of training programs that they would like to attend. List the topics of four training programs you would attend if you could.

	Response Percent	Response Count
1.	100.0%	43
2.	72.1%	31
3.	48.8%	21
4.	25.6%	11
	answered question	43
	skipped question	77

16. Which of the following SALS Central Library Services do you use?

	Use	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count		
Reference services for your library and your patrons	80.5% (62)	19.5% (15)	3.81	77		
Print Collections (books)	83.1% (64)	16.9% (13)	3.83	77		
Online Collections (databases)	70.5% (55)	29.5% (23)	3.71	78		
Access to regional or worldwide resources via Interlibrary Loan	69.6% (55)	30.4% (24)	3.70	79		
Continuing Education in special topics	45.8% (33)	54.2% (39)	3.46	72		
answered question						
skipped question						

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count
Select one	71.4% (60)	21.4% (18)	1.2% (1)	0.0% (0)	6.0% (5)	4.52	84
answered question							84
skipped question					36		

18. How valuable and relevant are these services in your efforts to serve your patrons?

	Very valuable	Somewhat valuable	Not very valuable	Of no value	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count
Select one:	71.8% (61)	21.2% (18)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	7.1% (6)	4.51	85
					85		
					skipped	question	35

19. Which of the Administrative Services provided by SALS do you now use?

	Use	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count
Distribution of designated state, county, and federal funds	69.1% (47)	30.9% (21)	3.69	68
Distribution of undesignated state aid	61.0% (36)	39.0% (23)	3.61	59
Publications (Online statistical summary and member directory)	74.3% (52)	25.7% (18)	3.74	70
Advocacy/Sustainability	60.3% (38)	39.7% (25)	3.60	63
Coordinated purchasing of equipment, supplies, and library materials	71.0% (49)	29.0% (20)	3.71	69
Communication via delivery, phone, email and blog	84.0% (63)	16.0% (12)	3.84	75
Construction grants	49.2% (32)	50.8% (33)	3.49	65
Downloadable eContent (Overdrive)	81.7% (58)	18.3% (13)	3.82	71
		answe	red question	80
		skipp	ped question	40

20. In general, how satisfied are you with the Administrative and Advocacy Services you receive from SALS?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count
Select one	64.5% (49)	23.7% (18)	2.6% (2)	1.3% (1)	7.9% (6)	4.36	76
answered question					76		
				skipped question			

21. How valuable and relevant are these services to you in your efforts to serve your patrons?

	Very valuable	Somewhat valuable	Not very valuable	Of no value	Don't use	Rating Average	Response Count
Select one:	75.6% (59)	14.1% (11)	0.0% (0)	1.3% (1)	9.0% (7)	4.46	78
	answered question					78	
		skipped question					42

22. What else would you like to tell the SALS staff about the programs and services they provide?

Response Count

20

answered question	20
skipped question	100

23. What is the population of your library's chartered service area?

	Response Percent	Response Count
0-2,499 (Bolton, Brant Lake/Horicon, Cambridge, Easton, Indian Lake, Inlet, Johnsburg, Lake Pleasant, Long Lake/Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, Raquette Lake, Salem/Bancroft, Schuylerville, Stony Creek)	20.2%	20
2,500-4,999 (Argyle, Chestertown, Granville/Pember, Greenwich, Lake- George/Caldwell-Lake George, Luzerne/Hadley-Luzerne, Whitehall)	16.2%	16
5,000-14,999 (Ballston Spa, Burnt Hills/Town of Ballston, Corinth, Fort Edward, Galway, Hudson Falls, Mechanicville, Round Lake, Stillwater, Warrensburg/Richards, Waterford)	27.3%	27
Over 25,000 (Clifton Park- Halfmoon, Glens Falls/Crandall, Saratoga Springs)	36.4%	36
	answered question	99
	skipped question	21

24. The position of the person completing this survey is:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Library Director	28.3%	28
Library Staff or Volunteer acting in a staff capacity	49.5%	49
Library Trustee	19.2%	19
Other (please specify)	3.0%	3
	answered question	99
	skipped question	21

25. Additional comments welcomed

Response Count

6

6	answered question	
114	skipped question	

Page 2, Q4. What additional services could SALS provide that would help you serve your patrons better? Please be as specific as you can. 1 none Jun 28, 2012 11:33 AM 2 shared library policies- either through a website or forum/ more communication Jun 18, 2012 11:41 AM with directors on best practices 3 SALS should have kept its pool collection so that smaller libraries that cannot Jun 18, 2012 11:40 AM afford all of the "best sellers" could get them for their patrons when the other libraries will not loan (and rightly so) their newest & best 4 Wi-fi printing from laptops Jun 13, 2012 2:23 PM 5 New on the Board. I don't know at this point. I also have no knowledge of Jun 13, 2012 7:22 AM Polaris etc so left blank. 6 I stopped requesting interlibrary loan books after 3 or 4 requests were just Jun 11, 2012 10:20 AM dropped without notification. I waited weeks for books, then when I asked about them, there was no record. I hope this has been changed. 7 A little more help in searches for things patrons want. Jun 10, 2012 4:28 AM 8 More staff training especially ebook devices. Jun 9, 2012 7:36 AM 9 our patrons want speakers and programs - small libraries have limited funds or Jun 8, 2012 6:02 PM knowledge about recruiting speakers. A SALS list of available speakers (volunteer or paid for by SALS) would help bring educational, informational and interesting programs to our partons 10 Get Polaris updates related to customer service and create reports to eliminate Jun 7, 2012 10:00 AM handwriting some processes. 11 More computer training and ebook training for staff. Jun 7, 2012 9:47 AM 12 more continuing education and technology training Jun 7, 2012 6:27 AM 13 Staff workshops/training Jun 7, 2012 6:24 AM 14 Improve ebook and audiobook system...terrible interface, poor index and book Jun 6, 2012 6:27 PM categories, unduly complicated digital rights and terms of service--I know this isn't a SALS problem. I miss the book processing! 15 Jun 6, 2012 4:37 PM 16 Please don't cut any services you now provide! Jun 6, 2012 3:42 PM Increased # of e-books. The wait times for books can take many months. 17 Jun 6, 2012 2:29 PM 18 We will be using your workshop format to introduce our patrons to the world of E Jun 6, 2012 1:57 PM readers and I believe that will be very exciting for us. 19 Help w/ being treasurer and a trustee Jun 6, 2012 1:43 PM 20 Jun 6, 2012 1:36 PM more training and professional meetings

Page 2, Q4. What additional services could SALS provide that would help you serve your patrons better? Please be as specific as you can.		r patrons better? Please
21	buy an excellent machine to resurface DVD's when small libraries come for meetings they can bring the dvds that need help.	Jun 6, 2012 12:37 PM
22	Wireless Printing	Jun 6, 2012 12:23 PM

Page 5, Q5. Most library staff and trustees have a "wish list" of training programs that they would like to attend. List the topics of four training programs you would attend if you could.

	1.	
1	Book Repair workshop	Jun 28, 2012 11:40 AM
2	book repair	Jun 28, 2012 11:39 AM
3	Technology Update	Jun 26, 2012 3:39 PM
4	Refresher on Collection Management	Jun 22, 2012 5:49 AM
5	How to choose books for young adults	Jun 20, 2012 8:28 AM
6	website design	Jun 19, 2012 7:28 AM
7	Book repair	Jun 18, 2012 1:29 PM
8	staff- polaris reports best practices	Jun 18, 2012 11:47 AM
9	OUTREACH	Jun 18, 2012 11:28 AM
10	eBook issues	Jun 16, 2012 10:51 AM
11	use of ebooks - again - horrible previous workshop	Jun 14, 2012 6:23 AM
12	Fund Raising	Jun 13, 2012 2:27 PM
13	policies	Jun 11, 2012 2:18 PM
14	e reader/e book training	Jun 11, 2012 8:40 AM
15	adult programming	Jun 10, 2012 10:47 AM
16	more help with hands on use of devices to download e-books	Jun 10, 2012 4:31 AM
17	using different ebook devices (hands-on devices)	Jun 9, 2012 7:49 AM
18	promoting the library	Jun 8, 2012 6:09 PM
19	Library administration Training for Assistants	Jun 8, 2012 8:19 AM
20	From Planning to Bidding to Construction and everything in between.	Jun 8, 2012 7:19 AM
21	general trustee orientation	Jun 7, 2012 12:27 PM
22	library election laws and procedures	Jun 7, 2012 12:00 PM
23	on line programs should be followed up with a in house	Jun 7, 2012 10:03 AM
24	School Year Programming	Jun 7, 2012 10:02 AM
25	Hands-on ebook training using specific devices	Jun 7, 2012 7:37 AM
26	working with different patron personalities and needs	Jun 7, 2012 7:26 AM

Page 5, Q5. Most library staff and trustees have a "wish list" of training programs that they would like to attend. List the topics of four training programs you would attend if you could. 27 using hand held technology in the library Jun 7, 2012 6:30 AM 28 E-Books Jun 7, 2012 6:28 AM 29 Technology training Jun 7, 2012 6:14 AM 30 Management systems for ebook and audiobook players Jun 6, 2012 6:32 PM 31 Personnel Management Jun 6, 2012 4:39 PM 32 using friends group Jun 6, 2012 4:10 PM 33 how to use the new e-books in order to help patrons Jun 6, 2012 3:51 PM 34 Book selection Jun 6, 2012 3:45 PM 35 Security for small libraries Jun 6, 2012 2:37 PM 36 downloadable content Jun 6, 2012 2:18 PM 37 E readers Jun 6, 2012 1:58 PM 38 relevant technologies Jun 6, 2012 1:39 PM 39 Summer reading programs Jun 6, 2012 12:41 PM 40 in depth training on site for staff who are part time & don't attend meetings Jun 6, 2012 12:40 PM 41 Reports! Jun 6, 2012 12:38 PM 42 **Policies** Jun 6, 2012 12:31 PM 43 programs for the autistic population Jun 6, 2012 12:25 PM 2. 1 Grant writing workshop Jun 28, 2012 11:40 AM 3 Writing 5 - Year Plans Jun 26, 2012 3:39 PM 4 Policy Development Skills Jun 22, 2012 5:49 AM 8 board of trustees boot camp- external responsibilities to the public Jun 18, 2012 11:47 AM 10 webinar issues Jun 16, 2012 10:51 AM 12 Reader's Advisory Jun 13, 2012 2:27 PM 13 trustee/director relationship Jun 11, 2012 2:18 PM 14 cataloging items training Jun 11, 2012 8:40 AM Jun 10, 2012 10:47 AM 15 advertising- selling library services

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31	Defining the Role of the Friends of the Library	Jun 6, 2012 4:39 PM
32	circulation area update	Jun 6, 2012 4:10 PM
38	school - public library partnerships	Jun 6, 2012 1:39 PM
39	reference	Jun 6, 2012 12:41 PM

1	thank you	Jun 26, 2012 3:40 F
2	Thank you!	Jun 22, 2012 5:51 A
3	further develop the intranet for staff (either the JA site or start another site) for FAQs on all the topics SALS administers	Jun 18, 2012 11:49
4	Note: I am a retired librarian who only works PT, so I am not really u-to-date with all SALS provides.	Jun 16, 2012 10:53
5	Keep up the good work!	Jun 13, 2012 2:28 F
6	Thank you!	Jun 13, 2012 7:00 A
7	I have always found the staff at SALS to be extremely helpful, knowledgeable, professional, and friendly. I would be lost without their assistance.	Jun 12, 2012 10:28
8	Thank you!	Jun 11, 2012 2:19 F
9	We need more J and YA science fiction and fantasy series titles in Overdrive	Jun 9, 2012 7:37 A
10	I believe SALS is doing a great job with all they do.	Jun 8, 2012 7:22 A
11	Money is wasted on outside consultants. Money could be better spent on other services. Continuing education is often repetitive and not well-attended.	Jun 7, 2012 12:30 F
2	Get all libraries to follow uniform barcoding	Jun 7, 2012 10:05
13	e-content is very important to rural libraries	Jun 7, 2012 6:32 A
14	Staff are always pleasant and very helpful. We appreciate their knowledge and patience!	Jun 6, 2012 6:36 P
15	Keep up the good work!	Jun 6, 2012 3:46 P
16	Question 3, #2 - I am very satisfied with SALS tech staff. I marked "somewhat satisfied" due to the fact I find Polaris cumbersome to use; and training new staff is difficult.	Jun 6, 2012 2:38 P
7	Member library trustees could send a representative to a meeting similar to the Directors Council?	Jun 6, 2012 2:20 P
8	I'd like to be better informed of upcoming events offered by SALS. I'd also like to be better informed of current, onging SALS happenings.	Jun 6, 2012 1:54 P
9	More training on downloadable eContent	Jun 6, 2012 1:05 P
20	I see the relation between sals & libraries but not so much between sals and gov	Jun 6, 2012 12:43

Page 8, Q2. The position of the person completing this survey is:		
1	board member	Jun 12, 2012 5:12 PM
2	Children's Services	Jun 7, 2012 10:56 AM
3	President of the Board of Trustees	Jun 6, 2012 2:00 PM

Page 8,	Q3. Additional comments welcomed	
1	none	Jun 28, 2012 11:47 AM
2	Website could offer more support for financial sustainability and local issues of concern.	Jun 7, 2012 12:31 PM
3	thank you for the opportunity to attend PLA. Would be interested in attending additional training/conferences	Jun 7, 2012 6:32 AM
4	Re: workshops. I did attend the security workshop offered last year. The presenter was certainly experienced and a good speaker, but I felt that some of his presentation was directed at larger libraries who have a security staff. Maybe something on what to do when you are the only staff member on duty.	Jun 6, 2012 2:39 PM
5	The people at SALS are wonderful. They provide a needed service. They do a lot for our libraries with the money they get. I don't know how they possibly could do anymore.	Jun 6, 2012 12:46 PM
6	It is difficult to imagine how we would be able to provide the quality and level of services we now give to our patrons without all the help received from SALS. A job well done.	Jun 6, 2012 12:34 PM