LibQual+ Survey 2014 ZSR Results Summary





Background

- What is LibQual+
- Why do we use it?
- Past History ('02, '04, '06, '12)
- This Instance

What LibQual+ Measures

The survey instrument measures library users' minimum, perceived, and desired service levels of service quality across three dimensions:

- Affect of Service,
- Information Control
- Library as Place



Local Questions

LibQual allows you to add in up to 5 'local' questions that you choose from a list of existing questions. We chose:

- A service which can find for me rapidly and easily the documents not available in my own institution
- Access to rare and historical materials
- Informing me of useful library services
- Teaching me how to locate, evaluate and use information
- The multimedia (CD/DVD/Video/Audio) collections I need



Information Literacy Questions

LibQual also includes five questions about information literacy in every survey. Respondents answer from 'strongly agree' to 'strongly disagree'

- Library enables me to be more efficient in my academic pursuits or work
- The library provides me with the information skills I need in my work or study
- The library aids my advancement in my academic discipline or work
- The library helps me distinguish between trustworthy and untrustworthy information
- The library helps me stay abreast of developments in my fields of interest

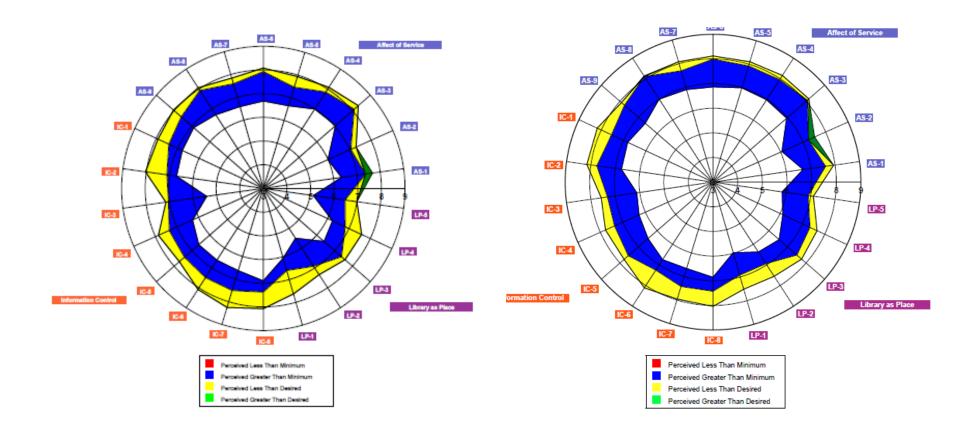


How LibQual Reports Results

- What does 'Lite' Mean?
- Question Categories
 - Affect of Service
 - Information Control
 - Library as Place
- Levels of Importance
 - Minimum
 - Desired
 - Perceived
- User Type
 - Undergraduate
 - Graduate
 - Faculty
 - Staff



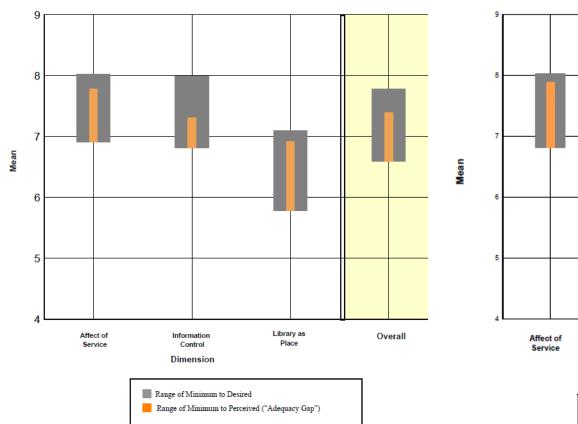
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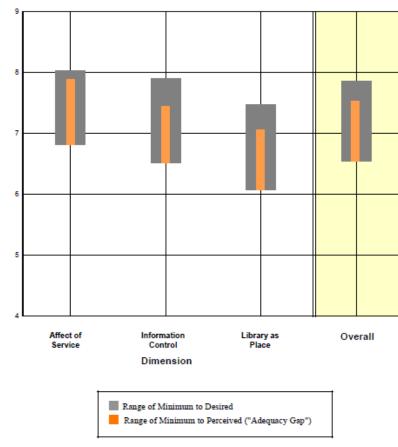


2012 2014



Graphic Results

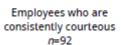






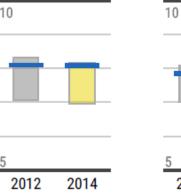
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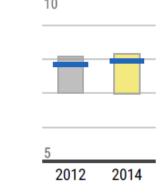




Readiness to respond to users' questions n=79



AS-3: Employees who are consistently courteous



AS-4: Readiness to respond to users' questions



Who Responded?

Overall Responses: 375 (223 in 2012)

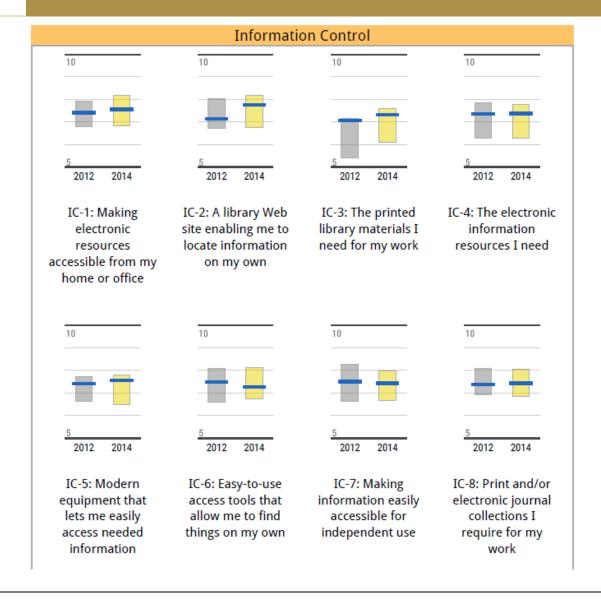
By Category

- Undergrads=119
- Grad Students=91
- Faculty=70
- Staff=62
- Library Staff=33

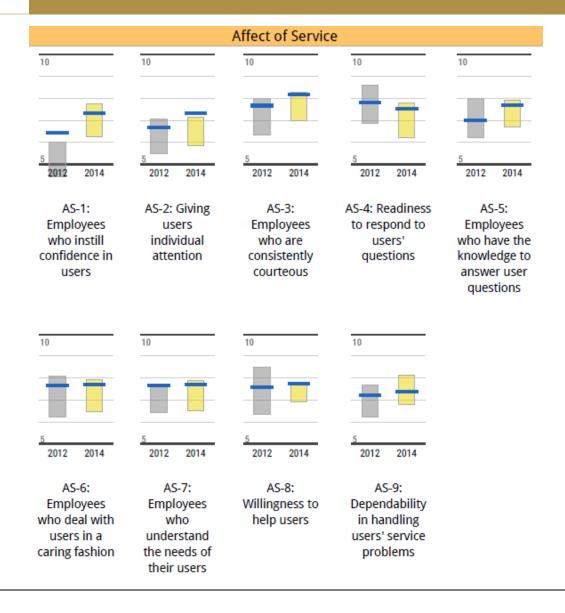
By Discipline

- Business=32
- Humanities=79
- Law=2
- Other=7
- Arts=9
- Science/Math=72
- Social Sciences=59
- Undecided=20

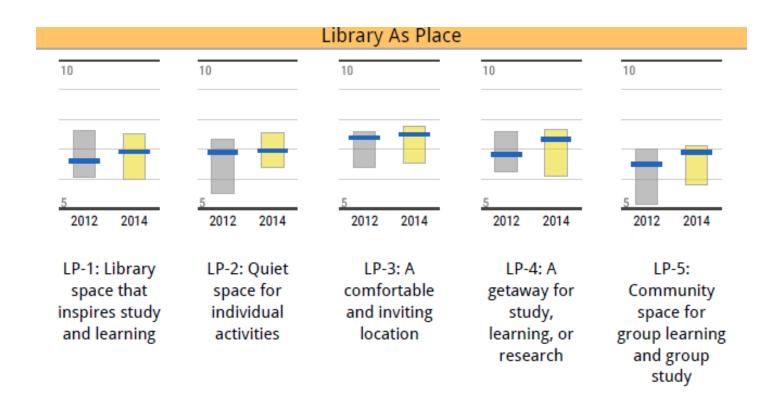














Items Deemed Most Important OVERALL

- Affect: Readiness to respond to user questions
 (2012: Employees who are consistently courteous)
- Info Control: Making electronic resources accessible from home/ office (2012: Making information easily accessible for independent use)
- Library as Place: A comfortable & inviting location (2012: Comfortable and inviting location & Getaway for study and learning - tied)

Items Deemed Least Important OVERALL

- Affect: Giving users individual attention (same in 2012)
- Info Control: Printed library materials I need for my work (same in 2012)
- Library as Place: Community space for group learning (same in 2012)

Where We Perform Well

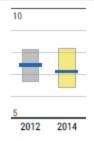
- Giving users individual attention
- Willingness to help users

Where We Could Improve

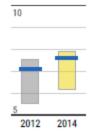
- Easy to use access tools that allow me to find things on my own
- Print/electronic journal collections I require for my work
- Quiet space for individual activities

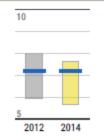


Information Control



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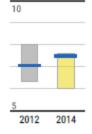


IC-1: Making electronic resources accessible from my home or office

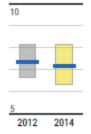
IC-2: A library Web site enabling me to locate information on my own

IC-3: The printed library materials I need for my work

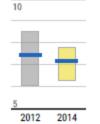
IC-4: The electronic information resources I need







IC-6: Easy-to-use access tools that allow me to find things on my own



IC-7: Making information easily accessible for independent use

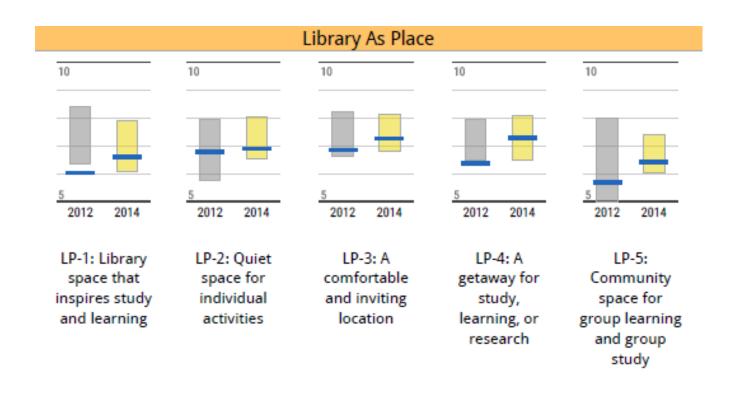


IC-8: Print and/or electronic journal collections I require for my work









Items Deemed Most Important

- Affect of Service: Employees who are consistently courteous.
 - (2012: Readiness to respond to users questions)
- Info Control: Making electronic resources accessible from my home/office
 - (2012: Print & electronic journals I require for my work & Making info easily accessible for independent use)
- Library as Place: A comfortable and inviting location (2012: Library that inspires study and learning)



Items Deemed Least Important

- Affect of Service: Giving users individual attention (2012: Library employees who instill confidence)
- Info Control: Modern equipment that lets me easily access needed information
 (B: Printed materials I need for my work)
- Library as Place: Community space for group learning (Same in 2012)

Where We Perform Well

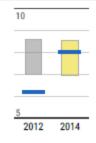
- Giving users individual attention (not important)
- Willingness to help users

Where We Could Improve

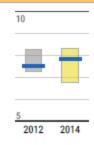
- Library space that inspires study and learning
- Quiet space for individual activities
- Making electronic resources available from my home/office (very important)



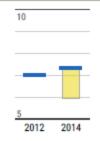
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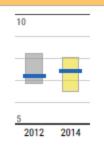
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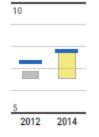
IC-2: A library Web site enabling me to locate information on my own



IC-3: The printed library materials I need for my work (range was 2.50 to 5.50; perceived was 7.00; n was 2. See note)



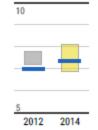
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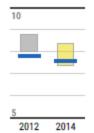
IC-5: Modern equipment that lets me easily access needed information



IC-6: Easy-to-use access tools that allow me to find things on my own

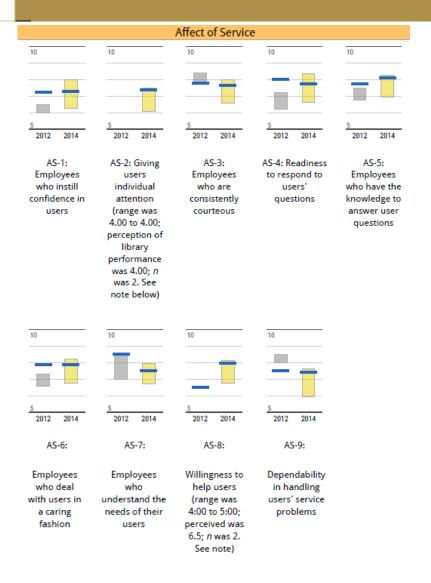


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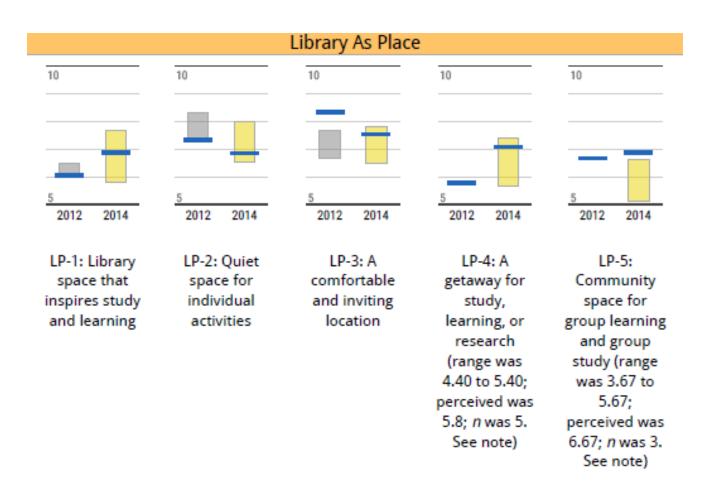


IC-8: Print and/or electronic journal collections I require for my work









Items Deemed Most Important:

- Affect of Service: Readiness to respond to users questions
 - (2012: Staff who understand the needs of their users & Dependability in handling users service problems)
- Info control: Print/Electronic journals I need & Making electronic resources accessible from home/ office. (same in 2012)
- Library as Place: Quiet place for individual activities (same in 2012)

Items Deemed Least Important

- Affect of service: Giving users individual attention (same in 2012)
- **Info control**: Printed library materials (same in 2012)
- **Library as Place**: Community space (same in 2012)

Where We Perform Well

- Giving individual attention (not important)
- Modern equipment
- Printed materials
- Community space (not important)

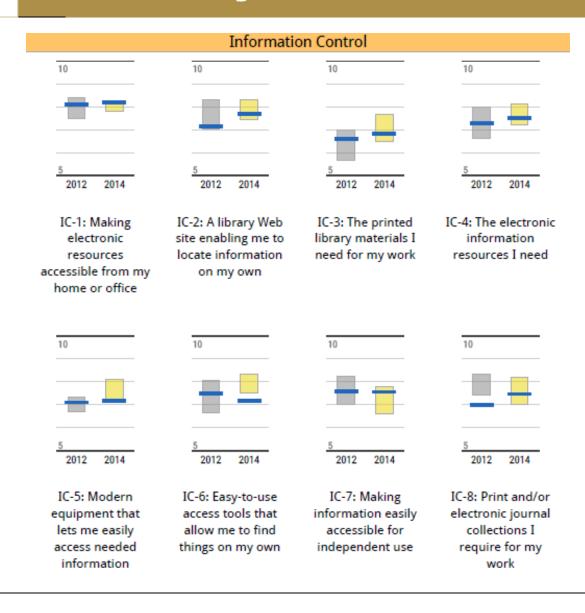
Where We Could Improve

- Quiet space for individual activities (Important)
- Employees who instill confidence in users
- Easy to use tools that allow me to access on my own
- Print/electronic journals I need

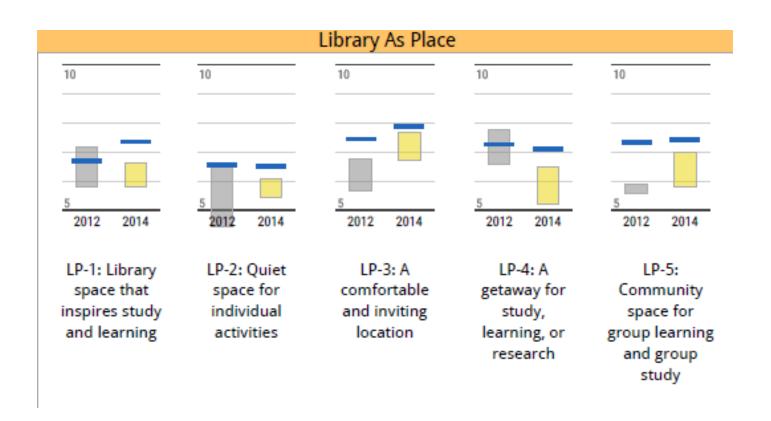














Items Deemed Most Important

- Affect: Employees who understand needs of their users*
 (2012: Employees consistently courteous)
- Info Control: Easy to use access tools that allow me to find things on my own (2012: Making electronic resources accessible from my home of office)
- Place: A comfortable and inviting location
 (2012: A getaway for study, learning or research)



Items Deemed Least important

- Affect: Giving users individual attention (2012: Employees who understand needs of users - now most important overall to faculty)
- Info Control: Printed materials I need for work (same in 2012)
- Library as Place: Quiet space for individual activities (same in 2012)



Where We Perform Well (hint: Pretty much everywhere)

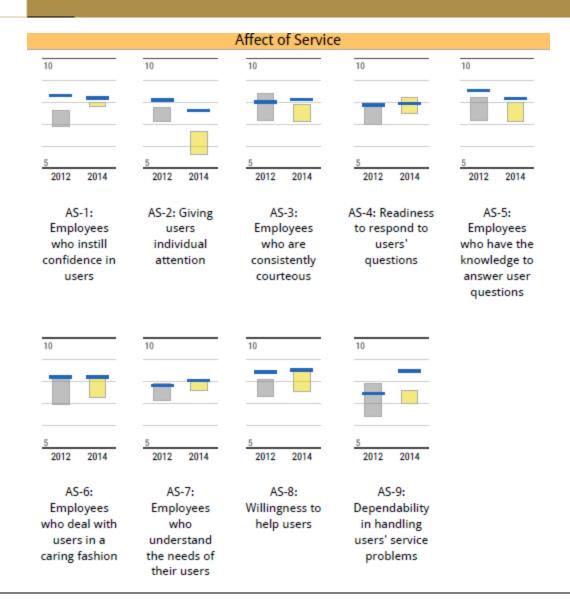
- Library space that inspires study and learning
- Getaway for study, learning or research
- Giving users individual attention (not important to them)
- Willingness to help users

Where We Could Improve

- Information control (all issues)
- Easy to use access tools that allow me to find things on my own (important to them)
- Modern equipment that lets me easily access needed information
- Printed Materials I need for my work
- Employees who understand the needs of their users (important to them)
- Print and/or electronic journal collections



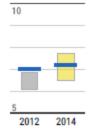
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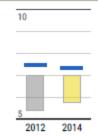


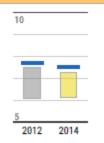
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Information Control



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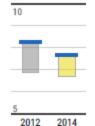


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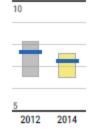
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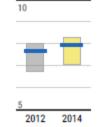
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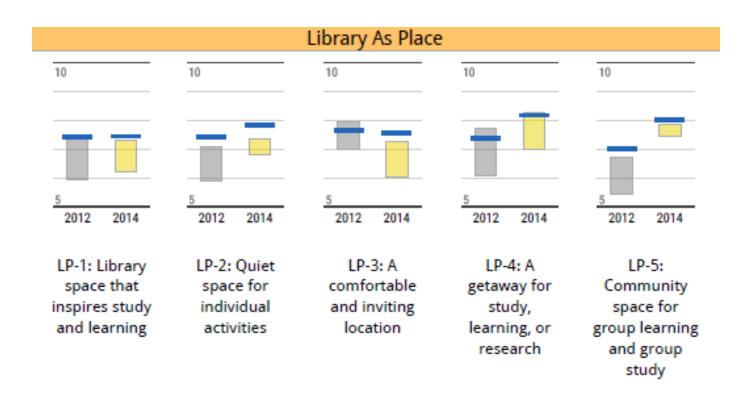


IC-7: Making information easily accessible for independent use



IC-8: Print and/or electronic journal collections I require for my work







Items Deemed Most Important:

- Affect: Willingness to help users
 (2012: Employees who are consistently courteous
 & Employees w/ knowledge to answer question)
- Info Control: Making info easily accessible for independent use
 (2012: Modern equipment & Easy-to-use access tools that allow me to find things on my own)
- Library as Place: A gateway for study, learning or research.

(2012: A comfortable and inviting location)



Items Deemed Least Important

- Affect: Giving users individual attention
 (2012: Dependability in handling users' service problems)
- Info Control: The printed library materials I need for my work & Print and/or electronic journal collections I require for my work (same in 2012)
- Library as Place: A comfortable & inviting location (2012: Community space for group learning and group study)



Where We Perform Well (top ones)

- Employees who instill confidence in users
- Giving users individual attention
- Employees who have the knowledge to answer questions
- The printed materials I need for my work
- Print and/or electronic journal collections I require for my work
- Quiet space for individual activities



Where We Could Improve No where. They love us!



Items Deemed Most Important

- Affect: Giving users individual attention & Willingness to help users
 2012: Dependability in handling users' service problem & Employees who are consistently courteous
- Information Control: Making electronic resources available from home or office 2012: Easy to Use Access Tools That Allow Me to find thing on my own
- Library as Place: Library space that inspires study and learning
 - 2012: A Getaway for study, learning or research



Items Deemed Least Important (relatively speaking)

- Affect: Employees that instill confidence
 2102: Employees that have the knowledge to answer user questions & Willingness to help users
- Info Control:
 Printed library materials I need for my work
- Library as Place: Community Space
 2012: Space that inspires study and learning

Where We Perform Well

- Employees who instill confidence
- Ready to respond to users questions
- electronic information resources I need
- community space for group learning and group study

Where We Could Improve

- Dependability in handling user service problems
- Comfortable and inviting location



What this means

- We are much harder on ourselves than our patrons are.
- We tend to think everything we do is important - our lowest minimum mean was 6.14 (in 2012 it was 5.5), whereas in many of the other groups those went as low as 5.12



Local Questions

We do well:

- Providing Access to rare and historical materials
- Teaching users how to locate, evaluate and use information

Neutral

Informing me of useful library services

Could Improve

- Service which can find for me rapidly the docs not available at my own institution
- The multimedia collections I need



Information Literacy Questions

In order of how we perform overall

- Library enables me to be more efficient in my academic pursuits or work
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Special Notes

- Graduate students responses likely skewed the overall responses
- The biggest gap between what they wanted and what we provide is for Library as Place from undergraduates.
- The greatest 'overachieving' between what we provide and what they want is with faculty and Library as Place.
- So students think the building is lacking faculty don't.
 This is going to be a critical issue as we try to raise
 money for improvements, etc.
- You don't know if things are considered unimportant because we do them well or because they really don't care



Special Notes

Important notes about <u>faculty & grad</u> <u>students</u>:

- For these groups, our biggest gap between what they wanted and what we provide is for Information Control.
- These groups had the highest overall expectations for the library, too. Their minimum means were 6.51 (g) and 6.59 (f) whereas students were 6.14. [Library staff were the most demanding – their minimum mean was 7.03]



From the Comments

- Marketing the library's functions and regularly communicating the benefits the library provides to its stakeholders is very important to keep "top of mind." I strongly urge you consider maintaining a heavier on-going marketing plan directed to students, faculty and staff.
- I think the library is headed in the right direction with providing resources for graduate students, but I would like to see more effort from the library to reach and educate graduate students.
- Just one thing: I really hope we can have more places where we can get drinking water in stead of just one on the first floor.
- I think I am correct in thinking that all new students and faculty to WFU are given orientation, when I joined 4 years ago this was not offered to staff. Is this still the case? If so this would be a great option (and for those of us who are currently working on campus).



From the Comments

- Mac Lab should stay open longer than the Bridge.
- Workshop/tours on how to use the library resources and navigate the library especially for the freshmen.
- It'd be great if the library wasn't perceived as a high-stress level environment. It seems that every time I think of studying in the library, I have to leave because of the anxiety of the atmosphere.
 Some color, plants, and year-round study break oppurtunites would be appreciated.
- I would be interested in seeing a few standing desks or work stations available in the library.
- More outlets near desks! (MANY comments to this effect)
- More advertisement of cool stuff like the special collections room etc



Questions?