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### UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

#### COMPARISON OF URI WITH COMPARABLE ARL LIBRARIES

SELECT GROUP: universities with 600-800 faculty, and 10,000-15,000 total students.

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	faculty	stude	ents		
Alabama	742	14,487			
Guelph	718	10,935			
Kent St	745	15,684			
SUNY-Al	629	10,417			
Wash St	739	14,992			
Waterloo	781	12,656			
URI	750	12,50			
Total Vols.		Total mform		Current	
				serials	3
Guelph	1,779,183	WashSt	2,457,737	WashSt	21,240
Alabam	1,732,058	SUNY-A	2,383,431	Alabam	
KentSt	1,659,396	Alabam	1,293,881	SUNY-A	16,277
Waterl	1,578,378	Guelph	1,090,532		14,113
WashSt	1,527,932	KentSt	799 <b>,</b> 454	Guelph	9,595
SUNY-A	1,225,304	Waterl	688,938	KentSt	7,317
URI	873 <b>,</b> 558	URI	1,038,548	URI	15,073
MedianARL	2,123,050	Median	2,274,245	Median	20,870
Mono.purchased		Monograph \$		Serial \$	
Waterl	34,675	Waterl	1,024,532	WashSt	1.7mill.
Guelph	26,541	WashSt	682 <b>,</b> 346	Alabam	1.56mill
KentSt	21,977	Alabam	588 <b>,</b> 546	SUNY-A	1.49mill
SUNY-A	21,562	SUNY-A	564,636	Waterl	1.28mill
WashSt	20,498	Guelph	519 <b>,</b> 647	KentSt	1.06mill
Alabam	12,197	KentSt	519 <b>,</b> 602	Guelph	0.97mill
URI	14,000	URI	450,000	URI	1.08mill
Median	28,278	Median	1,142,923	Median	1.95mill

Professional librarians for this group range from a low of 30 to a high of 55, and the total non-prof. staff range from a low of 73 to a high of 140. It seems from the data that bibliographic utilities and on-line searching charges are covered outside of the materials budget, with approx. 91% of the materials budgets devoted to books-serials, with the other 9% to non-book library materials.

The median for serials expenditures as percent of materials expenditures was 59%, and the median for average cost of monographs was \$35.72.

It is readily seen that URI, while way below the overall ARL medians, we are doing somewhat better in relation to a more appropriate comparison group.

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