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COMPARISON OF URI WITH COMPARABLE ARL LIBRARIES

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

	faculty	students
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	12,500

Total Vols.		Total mform		Current serials	
Guelph	1,779,183	WashSt	2,457,737	WashSt	21,240
Alabam	1,732,058	SUNY-A	2,383,431	Alabam	17,435
KentSt	1,659,396	Alabam	1,293,881	SUNY-A	16,277
Waterl	1,578,378	Guelph	1,090,532	Waterl	14,113
WashSt	1,527,932	KentSt	799,454	Guelph	9,595
SUNY-A	1,225,304	Waterl	688,938	KentSt	7,317
URI	873,558	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	682,346	Alabam	1.56mill
KentSt	21,977	Alabam	588,546	SUNY-A	1.49mill
SUNY-A	21,562	SUNY-A	564,636	Waterl	1.28mill
WashSt	20,498	Guelph	519,647	KentSt	1.06mill
Alabam	12,197	KentSt	519,602	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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