Selected Resources for Identifying Peer Institutions

**Statistical Data**

**Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)**


*Aggregate data only.*


*Continues ACRL University Library Statistics. “The complete data set from ACRL’s comprehensive statistics-gathering project encompassing all academic libraries. Data from 1,603 academic libraries in all Carnegie classifications is included. The core set of data consists of five major categories: 1) Collections, 2) Expenditures, 3) Personnel and Public Services, 4) PhD’s granted, faculty and enrollment statistics, and 5) Supplementary statistics. Also included in 2001 is summary data on the reporting institutions’ activities in implementing programs to teach information literacy skills.”*

**Association of Research Libraries (ARL)**


*“ARL Statistics is a series of annual publications that describe the collections, expenditures, staffing, and service activities for the member libraries of the Association of Research Libraries. The current ARL statistics include data on collections, staffing, expenditures, library services, and library and university characteristics for the 112 ARL university libraries.”*

**National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES)**


*“The Academic Libraries Survey (ALS) produces descriptive statistics on about 4,000 academic libraries in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas of the United States. NCES surveyed academic libraries on a three-year cycle between 1966 and 1988. Between 1988 and 1998, the ALS was a component of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and was collected on a two-year cycle. Beginning with FY 2000, the Academic Libraries Survey is no longer a component of IPEDS, but remains on a two-year cycle. Beginning with the collection of FY 2000 data, the ALS changed to web-based data collection. The FY 2002 data collection opened October 2002 and will close in February 2003.”*


### The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching


### National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS)


### Methodology


