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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-A1	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.