2018 Library Survey Response

We want to thank those of you who responded to the 2018 Library Survey. We had a strong response from 230 undergraduate students, 64 graduate students, and 59 faculty. This year's responses were by far the most positive we have ever gotten, so thank you for your expressions of appreciation.

The majority of the undergraduate responses came from first years and sophomores, graduate students evenly split between first year and second year, and 70 % of all the respondents use the library more than once a week. The experience the students have with both the library staff and our student staff was reported to be very positive.

The option to reserve a quiet study room, which was started two years ago, received a rating of very helpful by the majority of students. This semester we are offering an opportunity to reserve a "non-quiet study room" for those who need to use skype or meet with other students. It appears to be a popular option so far.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) continues to be an essential library service and is heavily used. Many of our students use the ILL management system, Clio, to track their ILL requests. Next year we will be exploring a new ILL management system which should offer a more robust and seamless process.

Although the majority of students responded that an individual consultation with a Research Services Librarian was the most important Library research service, and those who had participated found it very helpful, the majority of respondents reported that they did not take advantage of this option. The faculty who had recommended a research consultation responded that it was quite beneficial for their students and would recommend it again.

Not many students or faculty have discovered our new streaming video option, so please take a look at these video databases, *Criterion Collection* and *Kanopy*. The links are posted on the database page. They are also posted on the "New / Trial Databases " on the right hand side of database page along with two other new databases, *Film & Television Index with Full Text* and *Slavery in America and the World: History, Culture & Law*.

If you haven't used the Library Research Guides you will find the link to the list of guides at the top of the Library homepage. The Research Services Librarians have just added two new guides, *Immigrant and Refugee Studies* and *Research for Writers*.

Also explore Digital Commons to see scholarly work produced by the Sarah Lawrence faculty and students. You will find this link at the top of the Library homepage as well.

The links to the Music Library, the Visual Resources Library, and the College Archives are also listed across the top of the Library homepage.

Please feel free to contact any of the Library staff if you have questions, concerns or suggestions.