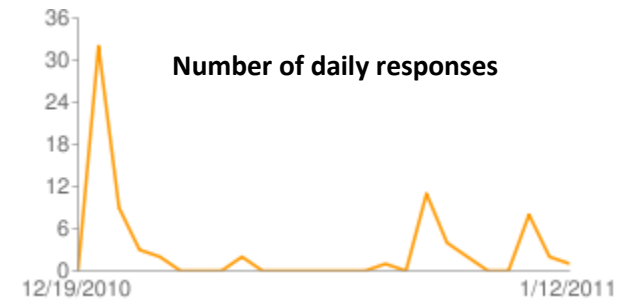


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77 responses



1. Check the OHSLA programs you have attended in the past two years? (Check any that apply)

April 4, 2008, Columbus: "Health Literacy: Start Spreading the News"	22	47%
October 3, 2008, Medina: "Electronic Collection Development for Health and Medicine E-Libraries"	12	26%
April 3, 2009, Columbus: "Can You Hear Me Now: How to Make a Podcast" and "Expecting the Unexpected: Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning for Ohio Libraries"	14	30%
October 4, 2009, Columbus: 2009 Midwest Chapter/MLA Conference	31	66%
April 19, 2010, Columbus: "PubMed for Experts" and "Geeks Bearing 'LITE' Gifts"	23	49%
October 18, 2010, Dayton: "Everyday Leadership"	18	38%

People may select more than one checkbox, so percentages may add up to more than 100%.

2. Factors which influenced your decision to attend or not attend an OHSLA meeting:

	Highly	Moderately	Very Little	Not-At-All	Response Count
Administrative support for travel	36% (28)	18% (14)	13% (10)	18% (14)	66
Program topic	51% (39)	23% (18)	9% (7)	3% (2)	66
Cost of registration (usually about \$50 for non-members)	13% (10)	23% (18)	32% (25)	18% (24)	67
Scheduling conflict	36% (28)	31% (24)	16% (12)	8% (6)	70
Family or personal commitments	19% (8)	26% (20)	26% (20)	26% (20)	68
Distance from work/home	39% (30)	29% (22)	16% (12)	10% (8)	72
Location (i.e., city, conference center, hotel)	18% (14)	26% (20)	29% (22)	16% (12)	68
Content of CE Offerings	32% (25)	25% (19)	17% (13)	9% (7)	64
Length of the event; amount of time away from work/other commitments	21% (16)	32% (25)	21% (16)	13% (10)	67
Chance to network with members or others health science professionals/paraprofessionals	39% (30)	25% (19)	14% (11)	8% (6)	66

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3. Please specify below any other factors that may have influenced your choice to participate or not in the OHSLA meetings.

I work in cataloging and acquisitions and the programs in the past have been geared more for reference librarians.
It's not that I know everything there is to know, it's just that being semi-retired, working part-time in a small hospital library, my need for continuing education at this point is very slight.
<i>Archived online presentations are much more accessible.</i>
There are several of us in the library who belong to OHSLA so we try and rotate who attends and who mans the fort back at work.
unaware of the programs and marginal relevance to my interests
I am not a member of OHSLA, therefore, I'm not aware of any OHSLA-sponsored programs.
Distance. must be able to do it in one day w/ out any overnight stays.
Acceptance to present a paper or poster, or participate on a panel; desire to hear a particular speaker
Location.
I serve a consumer health population, and many of the offerings are aimed at hospital and/or university librarians.
I only work 20 hours a week and it doesn't allow me time to attend conferences. Also our administration is limiting outside meetings and conferences unless we pick up the tab ourselves.
Marketing (not knowing about them)
Mostly it was the traveling distance and the date/time for most of the offerings.
If, in the fall, I have also attended the Midwest Chapter conference, then I usually don't go to OHSLA because it's hard to spare another day away from the office in such close proximity (time-wise) to the annual conference. But the biggest factor for me is distance. Drives of over an hour in length are not impossible for me but are difficult for medical reasons. Columbus is 2+ hours away for me, so I don't get there all that often. Dayton? Cincinnati? - not do-able. Sometimes I am able to carpool with a local colleague so that helps. Maybe I should work harder at finding a ride.
It is important to update library skills. I missed the class on October 3, 2008, Medina: "Electronic Collection Development for Health and Medicine E-Libraries." I would like to see that one offered again in the Columbus area. I think it is important also to hear from other staff and share your expertise and library info with each other (and support one another). These are reasons that I support OHSLA.
Small staff which allows only 1-2 members to attend the meetings. Someone always has to stay behind and keep the library open. We never close the library due to staff attending meetings.
unavailability of back-up staff at my library
I participated in Everyday Leadership because I am a new student member and I wanted to network with people in this field. I work full time in another profession and wanted to attend meetings to determine what challenges and opportunities are present in medical librarianship. I have met with several librarians in the Central Ohio area, but it would be helpful for me to know other librarians as well.
Some of the topics seem to overlap with Midwest MLA CE classes. I appreciate all of the CE that OHSLA offers. My schedule usually only allows me to attend if the event is in central-Ohio.

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3. Please specify below any other factors that may have influenced your choice to participate or not in the OHSLA meetings continued

I am committed to OHSLA but prefer to have others at my library attend.
I am a member of OHSLA and feel it provides a more consistent schedule of meetings and professional development than the OhioLink Health Sciences Librarians and is often closer than the MLA Midwest Chapter meetings. These two factors are the main reasons I will continue my membership.
I am new to the organization and look forward to participating in the future. Having time to plan to attend an event will be a factor. As much notice as can be given would be great.
A lot of times, it has to do with who is at the library if I am going to be gone. We are very short on staff so it's a matter of checking a number calendars and then making a decision.
Only recently became aware of and joined the organization.
The speaker's professional experience and background.
The topics appear to be of interest, but my current position does not include financial support for library CEs. I also am a 1/2 time faculty member and the time constraints from this position prevent me from attending.
We have several librarians here, and we can't all be gone at the same time...
for me, it is mainly the location. I cannot drive long.
I did not attend because the CE and topics were either irrelevant or had not changed from when I attended previously.
None of the topics were timely or useful.
New to Ohio - was not a member and was unaware of offerings.

4. Factors influencing your decision in not joining OHSLA:

	Highly	Moderately	Very Little	Not-At-All	Response Count
Involved with other professional organizations (Please list in question #5)	3% (2)	12% (9)	17% (13)	30% (23)	47
Purpose and goals of OHSLA unclear	5% (4)	14% (11)	16% (12)	27% (21)	48
OHSLA does not meet my needs (Please give reason in question #5)	4% (3)	12% (9)	16% (12)	29% (22)	46
Lack of administrative support for involvement in professional organizations	8% (6)	13% (10)	10% (8)	31% (24)	48

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5. Please name the other professional organizations in which you are involved AND/OR why OHSLA does not meet your professional needs:

I am a member
Involved in Midwest MLA, OhioLINK CIRM and DMS, ALA
MLA
I am no longer involved with any other professional organizations. I always thought OHSLA was a fine organization, it's just not something I need at this point in my working life.
OHSLA meets my needs (more so than Midwest MLA) I belong to MLA and Midwest MLA. I get the most out of MLA and OHSLA.
MLA. I'm not sure what OHSLA will do for me. There doesn't seem to be a "membership drive" to entice membership. There is not enough information available to help deciding if I should join.
There is a difference in joining OHSLA vs. being able to actively participate. I can join and see a value to joining, but finding the time to attend a meeting or volunteer for a committee is difficult - I'm stretched to the breaking point now.
MLA, MLA Midwest, and OCLIS
MLA; Midwest Chapter MLA; AAHSL
ALAO, MLA Midwest Chapter, OHSLA
I no longer work in a library dedicated to the health sciences. Although my work still involves health sciences, I now am responsible for some other subject areas as well.
MLA; BENO; I serve a consumer health population, and many of the offerings are aimed at hospital and/or university librarians.
N/A I am a member of OHSLA
I was not aware of OHSLA until just recently.
Wright State University Affiliate Librarians; I am a very small Hospital Library.
I am a member and somewhat involved with Midwest Chapter/MLA. I am also a member of MLA, but am not very active. We have a sort of unofficial local group of hospital librarians that meets 6+ times a year and we arrange CE, etc. I am extremely involved in that group.
MLA, GMWMLA, ALAO, OhioLINK, OPAL, Computers in Libraries(of course not all are professional orgs, but nonetheless take time)
MLA; ALA
I am a member of OHSLA; also MLA and the very loosely organized MLANO (Medical Library Assoc. of Northeastern Ohio)
CAHSLA; MLA ; Midwest MLA; SLA; SWON; Friends of Public Library
Currently I am a member of the Ohio Library Council. Due to work and family commitments have not had the opportunity to be involved.
MLA; Programs often do not interest me
MLA; ALAO; Would like more topics on instruction in academic settings.
I am so busy with multiple responsibilities at work that I don't have time to devote to a professional organization.
I am committed to OHSLA--I am a member--but as a supervisor prefer to have others at my library attend.
MLA ; MLA Midwest Chapter; ALA; ACRL
I believe OHSLA is a good organization offering interesting programs but it is difficult to get away, to request the time and money and to get reimbursed.
Midwest Chapter-Medical Library Assoc, NASIG, a local library group, ALAO.

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5. Please name the other professional organizations in which you are involved AND/OR why OHSLA does not meet your professional needs: continued

MLA, ALA, ACRL, and ALISE
n/a
I'm a member, so no factors influence me to not join!
n/a
OSHLA seems to be more of a social club than a professional organization.

6. Would you participate in an online (virtual) meeting?

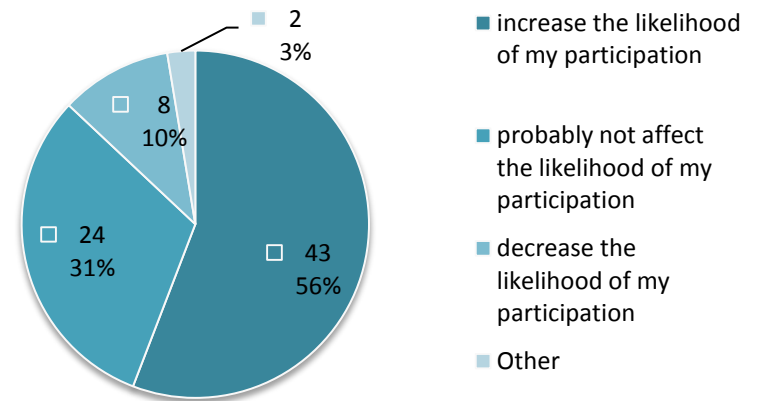
Yes	76	87%
No	8	10%

meeting to a virtual/online format could:



7. Changing the annual OHSLA

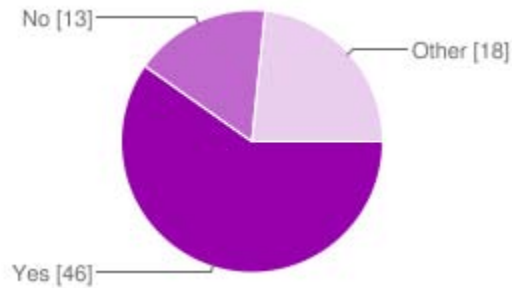
increase the likelihood of my participation	43	56%
probably not affect the likelihood of my participation	24	31%
decrease the likelihood of my participation	8	10%
Other	2	3%



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8. Should the Presidency of OHSLA continue to alternate appointments between academic and hospital librarians?

Yes	46	60%
No	13	17%
Other	18	23%



if possible yes, but not a strict rule
No preference
Not sure.
Who ever wants to run should!
if candidates are available
no opinion
not a factor for me
No opinion
Yes
no opinion
Huh? Why is this important?
not sure it is necessary

9. What communication methods do you want for staying current with organization news? Please rate the current or estimated potential usefulness of the items listed below.

	Necessary - Keep it or Let's Add it	Very Useful	Neutral	Seldom Useful	Not useful - Eliminate or don't want to add it
Discussion List	33% (24)	33% (24)	22% (16)	11% (8)	1% (1)
Newsletter	23% (18)	47% (36)	22% (17)	5% (4)	0% (0)
Web Site	34% (26)	39% (30)	17% (13)	6% (5)	0% (0)
Blog	8% (6)	18% (14)	44% (34)	17% (13)	5% (4)
Facebook	5% (4)	10% (8)	40% (31)	14% (11)	21% (16)
RSS	6% (5)	8% (6)	39% (30)	19% (15)	18% (14)
Twitter	6% (5)	3% (2)	31% (24)	17% (13)	32% (25)
Podcast	5% (4)	17% (13)	36% (28)	10% (8)	22% (17)

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10. Please indicate what other communication methods you feel OHSLA could use for keeping you current with organization news?

Since I am no longer a member, and do not intend to renew, this is not relevant to me.
I use email, Twitter, and Facebook for staying current with library news. I would follow OHSLA if they used one or all of those things, however I know that some people are reluctant to use things like Twitter and Facebook so whatever is easiest and most effective with OHSLA is fine with me.
e-newsletter
A blog with regular/frequent postings might be more useful than a newsletter with little content.
I am assuming that "discussion list" above refers to the listserv. If so, I find that extremely important. If facebook and twitter were not blocked at my hospital, I would find that very useful.
Bi-Weekly one page e-letter update. Important new weblinks that are helpful to the field of medical librarianship. New developments in libraries that are part OHSLA; New developments in MidWest Chapter; Info Med Quick Tips for doing the job faster or more easily
Lots of duplication from various organizations. Rather than formatted newsletter, what I would find useful is a bulleted email with links to more info. That way I can blow away or go to additional info. Don't care about graphics, just content.
I understand it is difficult to communicate all the time, however, committees on specific topics may be interesting to people. If it is a professional organization, I think people should see membership and attendance at meetings is an investment in one's professional growth. I do understand people wanting to keep up with CEUs but I can see a need for more social networking - I like all the communication methods in # 9.
I'm fine w/ listserv, email and web site access.
I feel that more online chats/meetings/professional development would allow me to participate more without worrying about the cost and inconvenience of travel.
You have newsletter in the above list and I am thinking electronic newsletter, right? Also, you should use as many of the above communication avenues as you can, however, I realize that may take more manhours than you can manage. I would likely read it in whatever form you send it.
N/A

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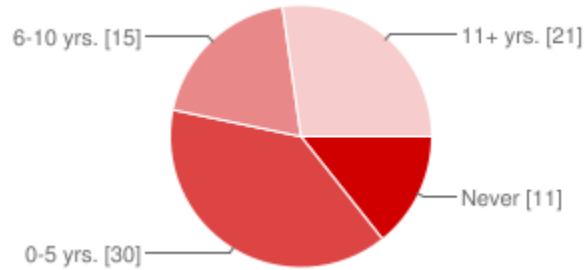
11. What benefits would you like OHSLA to offer?

What's offered now is fine, I'm satisfied
Online continuing education courses.
N/A
I would like OHSLA to work closer with OhioNet and OhioLINK. It is very frustrating that hospital libraries not attached to medical schools are left out of the wonderful resources that OhioLink provides. I realize hospitals have limited funds and opportunities (more so than academic) but I feel there is some area or way that hospitals can participate in some limited way. I am not sure how, but OhioLink has always been extremely resistant to even investigate any opportunities. It leaves us with set of haves and have nots in Ohio medical libraries. I think OHSLA might be a good way to start the talking/thinking with the two parties to get something beneficial for all.
Ability to do online credits for continuing education at an affordable price.
I value the educational programs and the ability to learn new things that impact the medical/hospital library environment.
Primarily the CEU advanced education.
Share what databases they like or don't like and which ones they purchase.
Continue with current offerings to keep librarians up-to-date. Possibly help those wanting to obtain certification such as CHIS by offering these classes in a central location.
Would it be possible to offer once a year regional programs - both a northern spring meeting and a southern spring meeting, or some such? With one meeting a year being for the whole state? -- Online meetings are a good idea but I think there is some value in seeing each other face to face at least some of the time.
Continue the good work it is already doing.
free healthcare, unemployment, long term care,--I guess these aren't the types of benefits you are referring to, but I honestly can't think of a benefit OHSLA could provide. If you are thinking of affordable CE benefits, that is currently the most valuable benefit. It would be nice to have some sort of anonymous "here's my problem" and allow people to give suggestions or comments on how to solve or what worked/didn't work for them.
Continue with MLA Contact hour courses.
I would like to see more communication. I understand that it takes a great deal of time to create programs and develop mission statements. But I think it would be worthwhile to do some strategic planning. Perhaps OHSLA could have more meetings, even virtual ones so people feel more connected. Since I am new, I only knew a few people at the April meeting. It is more of a "learning experience" for me, since I am not a practicing librarian. Hopefully, I will be one in the future when I graduate in 2012!!
Useful updated information related to subject areas and health librarianship; grant supports
i am happy with the CE
Timely information that will help me in my current position.

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12. How many years have you been a member of OHSLA?

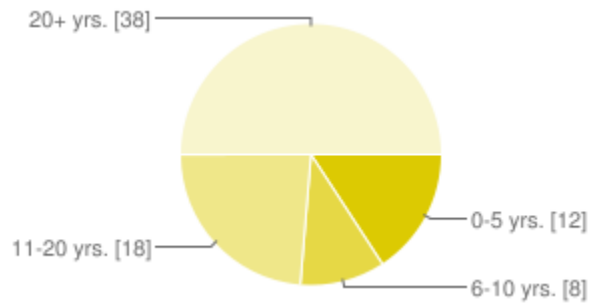
Never	11	14%
0-5 yrs.	30	39%
6-10 yrs.	15	19%
11+ yrs.	21	27%



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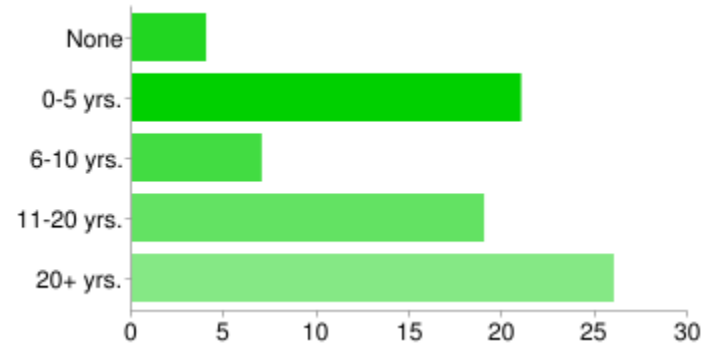
13. How many years of library experience do you have?

0-5 yrs.	12	16%
6-10 yrs.	8	10%
11-20 yrs.	18	23%
20+ yrs.	38	49%



14. How many years have you worked in a health care library?

None	4	5%
0-5 yrs.	21	27%
6-10 yrs.	7	9%
11-20 yrs.	19	25%
20+ yrs.	26	34%

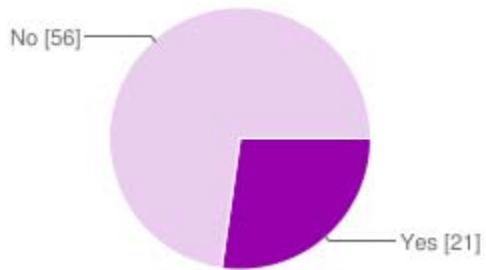


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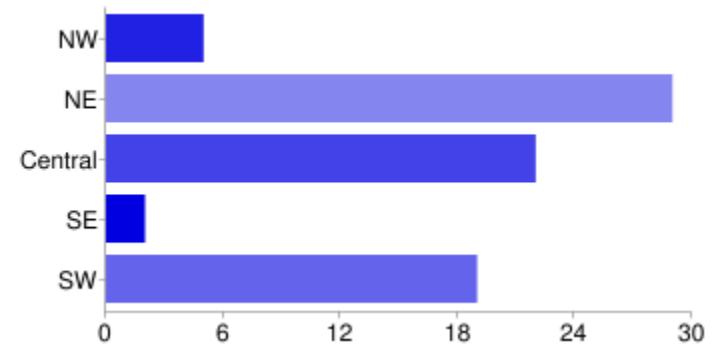
15. Are you in a solo position?

Yes	21	27%
No	56	73%



16. In what geographic area of Ohio is your library:

NW	5	6%
NE	29	38%
Central	22	29%
SE	2	3%
SW	19	25%



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17. Please list any suggestions that you might have for OHSLA meeting programs and feel free to add any additional comments/questions/ideas.

I would suggest allowing other members to participate in subcommittees and other assignments, especially when it came to the Midwest meeting it seemed that the Academic institutions dominated the chair positions and invited librarians that are always performing these duties, it really appears to be somewhat cliquish even though not intentional. In order to mentor and equip newer librarians they should have more opportunity. Also, would like to see the less "popular" members have a better chance of serving. I suspect that those in Academic insitutions need it for their tenure track but it does not seem fair to the others and this could result in a reduction of membership, now and in the future.

Offering online CEs would be a great way to increase membership.

I really like the idea of online webinar meetings. I have done a few for other things (database training, MLA, etc.) and it has been very helpful. It is nice because me and my coworkers can attend, instead of just one of us (because the rest of us are covering for her at work).

Overview of all Journal databases.

I am more of a consumer health librarian in a community hospital so offering educational components in this area would be helpful. Some of your offerings did meet this need but the traveling made it prohibitive. Having the classes available online would be helpful.

***** Webinars should be no longer than 35-40 minutes to hold the attention of the viewer.

See #11.

The Joint Commission Standards
Education of Medical/Nursing Students

There needs to be more recruitment of "new" librarians and people in Graduate School that are interested in this field. Maybe there could be mentorship relationships where learning can come from both sides. Knowledge transfers back and forth between the new and the mature. Maybe the virtual meetings could be around specific topics and then blogs can be started to chat about issues.

What do other states do?

I am middle age so frankly much of the social networking is NEW to me. Perhaps the business meeting could be done after the meeting, if people are interested in attending.

Perhaps the website could be more interactive with RSS feeds, blogs,etc.

Again, I understand all of this takes a great deal of work, and it can be very difficult with jobs, commitments, etc.

Thank you, OHSLA, for offering CE classes and networking opportunities, as well as supporting Midwest MLA.

I'd like to see a CE class on e-books and e-readers. I know MLA covered that in November, but many of us were not able to "attend" the November webinar. A hands-on seminar and case studies by various libraries would be interesting.

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17. Please list any suggestions that you might have for OHSLA meeting programs and feel free to add any additional comments/questions/ideas continued.

I feel that many OHSLA members have knowledge that could be useful to the rest of us. It may be worthwhile to put out a request for ideas and have various OHSLA librarians host online seminars in areas that they have special knowledge or experience. Some topics of interest may be: New technologies Helpful websites in any particular area Health Literacy What works/ What doesn't? (programs that have been successful or unsuccessful) Assessment of any kind
weeding the collections.
N/A
OHSLA has been good to me. I get enough CE without attending the national or the midwest.
Option to network, share updates on what is happening in other Libraries, act more and connect with health sciences Libraries consortia, re-evaluate OHSLA purpose, mission, values.
Thanks for sending the survey and asking for input.

Thank you for participating in the OHSLA survey!