

Delphi Library Buildings Futures Survey Instructions for Participants

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Delphi Library Buildings Futures Survey. **Please complete this Round by April 15.**

Because of the length of Round 1 and certain limitations of the survey software being used in this study, we have divided Round 1 into a four-part survey. Each part of Round 1 will take approximately 20 to 30 minutes to complete. Subsequent Rounds should require less time.

Each part of the survey has its own URL; however, when you click on the submit button, you will be directed to the next part of the survey. After completing each part, you may continue with the next part of the survey or come back to it at a later date. Survey URLs are:

<http://www.formsite.com/ABCD/LibPlace1/>

<http://www.formsite.com/ABCD/LibPlace2/>

<http://www.formsite.com/ABCD/LibPlace3/>

<http://www.formsite.com/ABCD/LibPlace4/>

In our first round, Round 0, a group of experts was asked to describe ways in which libraries will change by 2020. A list of 78 change statements has been synthesized from that round and forms the basis of the current round, Round 1. In Round 1, five questions are asked concerning each change statement. Each question has a pull down box for you to click on the appropriate response.

- **Likelihood/probability:** What do you believe is the *likelihood/probability* that this change will occur? Indicate if:
 - You're *certain* this change will occur
 - You think this change *probably* will occur.
 - You are *uncertain* about the likelihood/probability of this change occurring.
 - You think it is *not probable* that this change will occur.
 - You think it is *impossible* that this change will happen.

- **Desirability of Change:** *Should* this change occur?
 - You think that this change is *very desirable*.
 - You think that this change is *somewhat desirable*.
 - You think that this change is *neither desirable nor undesirable*.
 - You think that this change is *undesirable*.
 - You think that this change is *very undesirable*.

- **Confidence in one's response:** What *confidence* do you have in your judgment concerning the likelihood/probability of this particular change? Library buildings futures are affected by many factors; some of which may not be in your area of expertise. Indicate:
 - You have the *highest confidence* in your judgment concerning this change statement.
 - You have *high confidence* in your judgment concerning this change statement.
 - You are *uncertain* about your judgment concerning this change statement.
 - You have *low confidence* in your judgment concerning this change statement.

- You have the *lowest confidence* in your judgment concerning this change statement.
- **Date of Change:** If you believe this change will occur, *by when* do you believe it will occur? If you do not believe this change will occur, indicate *never*.
 - 2005
 - 2010
 - 2015
 - 2020
 - 2025
 - Never
- **Impact:** Indicate the level of impact this change, if it occurs, will have on the design of library buildings.
 - You think the design will be *substantially different* if this change occurs.
 - You think there will be *some difference in design* if this change occurs.
 - You are *uncertain* if this change will affect the design of future libraries.
 - You think this change will create a *minimal difference* in the design of future libraries.
 - You think there will be *no difference* in design as the result of this change.

You are also asked to provide us with feedback about *your reasons for responding as you did* to each change statement. Do you think this change statement should be reworded or qualified in some way to make it easier to answer, less ambiguous, more precise? Why did you answer as you did? Your feedback in Round 1 to this question will help us design Round 2.

In the next round, Round 2, the median and interquartile range for each change statement will be computed from Round 1 responses and made available to you along with a compilation of participants' comments. In Round 2 you will be given an opportunity to comment where your original responses fell outside the marked interquartile range and invited to state the reason for your position or change your original response. In Round 2 you will also be asked to rate the *importance* of each change statement.

In Round 3, we will recompute the interquartile range for prior questions to reflect changes of opinion and again give you an opportunity to change your opinion if you wish. Space will also be provided for additional comments. At the end of Round 3 we will return the comments to you and append the following:

- A "Minority Report" representing the rationale for those panelist holding positions outside the interquartile range.
- Optional comments
- A short evaluation form
- A brief demographics questionnaire.

If you have any questions or if you experience difficulties with the website, please do not hesitate to contact Logan Ludwig (Voice-708-216-5303; email: lludwig@lumc.edu).