Who Do I Need To Be Today?
The Roles and Responsibilities of the School District Library Supervisor

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The Lilead Survey
Survey Goals

- Position profiles
- Knowledge and skills
- Greatest challenges and needs
- Demographic data
Roles and Responsibilities

- Finances
- Personnel
- Collection Development
- Teaching
- Leadership
- Professional Development
- Technology
- Facilities
Major Responsibilities

Extremely Important

• Budgeting, district-level: 60%
• Advising librarians: ~80%
• Offering PD: 84%
• Developing a mission: ~82%
• Advocacy: 80%
• Managing catalog: ~61%
Not-So-Major Responsibilities

Not Important or Not Applicable

- Fundraising: ~60%
- Hiring librarians: ~40%
- Evaluating librarians: ~52%
Roles and Tasks

9
Tasks at the Extremes

36
Tasks in Moderation

100+
Other Tasks
Roles and Tasks

100+
Other Tasks

55
Library

73
Non-Library

10
Building
Goals and Objectives

Non-Library Tasks

40%

Time on Other Tasks

- Education Technology
- Professional Development
- Instructional Materials
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Accountability
- Other Curriculum Areas
The (Un)Changing Roles
Minor Changes

Tasks of **Increasing** Importance and Time Spent

- Advising building-level librarians
- Advocating for library programs
- Negotiating contracts with vendors
- Selecting and evaluating materials
- Managing library automation systems
- Selecting furnishing for new facilities
Minor Changes

Tasks of **Decreasing** Importance and Time Spent

- Raising funds for building-level libraries
- Evaluating building-level librarians
- Integrating content standards
Other Changes
Funding

District-level

Building-level

Technology
Staffing

District-level

Building-level

Qualified Candidates
What Comes After Baseline Data?
Further Research

• Smaller school districts
• Job stability
• Community perceptions
• Professional development offered
• Professional development needed
Thank You

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