



REPORT INFORMATION

Topic: Education/Lifelong Learning

Programs: See full list on page 2

Date Range: 07/01/2018 to 08/15/2018

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY WORK

Flint Public Library staff distributed surveys to program participants to collect data and insights about how their education and lifelong learning services and programs are supporting community needs. Flint Public Library surveyed patrons using the Project Outcome Education and Lifelong Learning Survey, which measures the impact of services designed to impart new knowledge and skills, improve academic performance, and engage in a variety of leisure learning activities. A total of **10** survey responses were collected.

Results

A total of **10** survey responses were collected. Of the percentage of patrons surveyed who either **agreed or strongly agreed** that they benefited from the service or program:

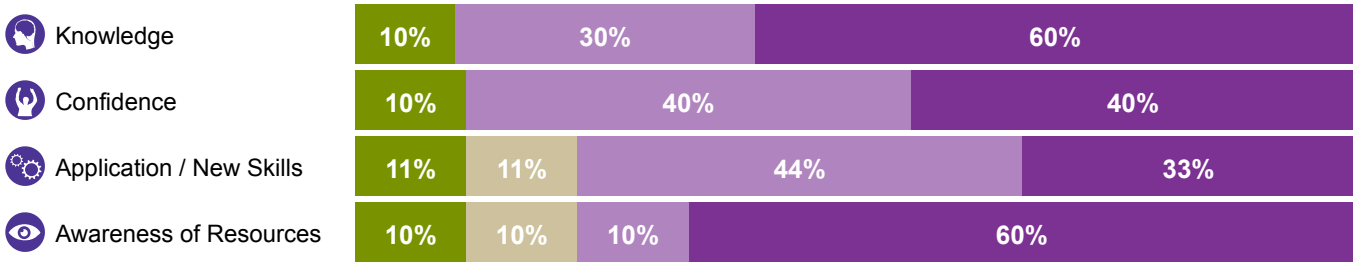
90% learned something that was helpful

77% intend to apply what they learned

80% felt more confident about what they learned

70% were more aware of resources and services provided by the library

The full results of the survey(s) are shown below. (Note that due to rounding, percentages may not add up to 100%)



SCORING: Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly Agree

Selected Criteria Average

Education/Lifelong Learning Topic Averages

	Library	Library	State/Province	National
Knowledge	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.6
Confidence	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.5
Application / New Skills	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.4
Awareness of Resources	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4

AVERAGES: Ranges from 1.0 (Strongly Disagree) to 5.0 (Strongly Agree)

Survey topic averages represent all data under the survey topic and type and are based on the library location (e.g. United States, Canada). Selected criteria average represents data under any additional criteria applied to the report, such as date range, program or survey name.

A total of 10 survey responses were collected across 2 surveys. The list of programs surveyed are shown in the table below.

Program Name	Survey Name	Attendance	Response Rate
For-Mar Comes to the Library - Weather - 7/18/2018	For-Mar Comes to the Library - Weather - 07/18/2018	13	38.50%
For-Mar Visits the Library - Insects - 8/1/2018	For-Mar Visits the Library - Insects - 08/01/2018	21	23.80%

Additional Survey Information

The library also asked the following questions:

1. What could the library do to better assist you in learning more?
2. What did you like most about the program?
3. What is your age?

Open-Ended Responses

Open-ended responses are listed in chronological order and grouped by survey and then by question.

For-Mar Visits the Library - Insects - 08/01/2018

1. What could the library do to better assist you in learning more?

- More advertisement. I saw the interview on ABC 12, which was great.
- n/a - They are doing a great job. Keep up the good work :)

2. What did you like most about the program?

- For-Mar staff makes learning fun for everyone
- The presenter was enthusiastic and the props were great,
- Hands on learning
- Learning the parts of the body on insects
- All the programs are very interesting and educational.

3. What is your age?

- 45
- 38, child 6
- 1 child of 5
- 32

For-Mar Comes to the Library - Weather - 07/18/2018

1. What could the library do to better assist you in learning more?

- Have more programs like this one! :)
- Nothing The programs they put together always be informative and helpful. Keep doing a good job !!! :-)
- More advertising of events

2. What did you like most about the program?

- The way the subject matter was introduced; it definitely was a hands on, most interesting!



- That For-mar was very informative and they seem like they love what they do.
- The presenters were great with children - information was at a level all could understand. Like that they incorporated movement in the presentation
- Engaging for the children
- Age & child appropriate

3. What is your age?

- 32
- Child 5 years old



Overview

Wherever public libraries are working, possibility lives. People who work in public libraries know that library services open new opportunities for anyone who enters – putting people on the path to literacy, technological know-how, or a better job. Libraries see evidence of this every day – what they are often missing is the data to support it. Measuring outcome data helps libraries demonstrate the good they are doing and the value their impact is having in the community. For example, the Project Outcome: Year in Review 2016 Annual Report sites that nearly 80% of library users surveyed report that library programs and services have had some kind of positive impact on their lives in the last year, with a majority of patrons reporting that the educational aspect of these programs and services is what they like most. And these patron benefits are in high demand. Patrons most commonly suggested improvement for the library is new, more, or more frequent classes and programs.ⁱ

About the Surveys

The Project Outcome surveys were developed by the Public Library Association's Performance Measurement Task Force, which is comprised of a diverse group of public and state library leaders, consultants, data researchers and analysts. The surveys are designed to help libraries measure the outcomes of programs and services and the impact they have on patrons. The results are intended to show a direction of change, not rigorous statistical proof of change. To learn more about Project Outcome, visit www.projectoutcome.org (<https://www.projectoutcome.org>).

Implications for Community Impact

Learning is a lifelong process. Public libraries provide an inclusive learning environment where community members can develop skills and knowledge at any age or stage of life. At the public library, users can find homework help, join book clubs, pursue a GED or higher education, and take classes or receive one-on-one help. Research shows that people from every walk of life use public libraries to enhance their education and pursue new knowledge and skills, and that education and lifelong learning provide lasting benefits for individuals and communities.

- Four out of five people in the United States (83%) have used a public library at some point in their lives, and about half (49%) have used a public library in the past year.ⁱⁱ
- A Pew Research study found that nearly all respondents (95%) agreed that the resources offered at public libraries are factors in individuals' opportunities for personal success.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Many learning pursuits are enhanced by Internet access provided in the public library. According to a 2009 study by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, at least 36 million people used library computers for education and learning purposes over the course of a year. Nearly two-thirds (64%) of those who used a library computer to apply to a college degree or vocational program were accepted, and more than half (51%) of those who used library computers to seek financial aid to advance their education received funding.^{iv}
- Closing the local public library would greatly affect the community according to 65% of people in the United States. Hispanics, African Americans, and people living in low-income households say they would be especially impacted by library closures.ⁱⁱ Adults who have not graduated from high school are most likely to say that if their public library were to close it would have a major impact on them and their family (35%).^{vi}
- Support and training provided by public library staff is a critical part of the lifelong learning opportunities within public libraries. Among people in the United States who visited a library in the past year, 42% received help from a librarian, and 17% attended a class or lecture.^{vii}



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