

**Bryant University**  
**Faculty Comprehensive Assessment Survey**

**Section 1: Scholarly Article Reading**

1. In the past month (30 days), approximately how many scholarly articles have you read? Articles can include those found in journal issues, Web sites, or separate copies such as preprints, reprints, and other electronic or paper copies. Reading is defined as going beyond the table of contents, title, and abstract to the body of the article.

Number of articles read (including skimmed) in the past month: \_\_\_\_\_ articles

The following questions in this section refer to the **SCHOLARLY ARTICLE YOU READ MOST RECENTLY**, even if you had read the article previously. Note that this last reading may not be typical, but will help us establish the range of patterns in reading.

2. How long ago did you read this last article?
  - a. Today
  - b. 2-5 days ago
  - c. 6-10 days ago
  - d. 11-30 days ago
  - e. Over 30 days ago
3. What is the title of the journal from which this last article was read or, if not from a journal, what is the topic of the article?

Journal Title \_\_\_\_\_

-or-

General Topic of Article \_\_\_\_\_

4. How did you become aware of this last article you read? (Choose only the best answer from a through f below)
  - a. Found by browsing without a specific objective in mind, for example starting with a Journal name, Journal issue, table of contents, website, or other source of articles

Approximately how much time did you spend browsing when this article was found?  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes

As a result, how many articles did you read or plan to read? \_\_\_\_\_ articles

- b. Found while I (or someone on my behalf) was searching by subject, author's name, etc. from a web search engine, online or print index, online journal collection, etc.

Approximately how much time did you (or someone on your behalf) spend searching? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

As a result, how many other articles did you read or plan to read? \_\_\_\_\_ articles

- c. Cited in another publication
- d. Another person told me about it
- e. Don't know or don't remember
- f. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

5. After you became aware of this article, from where did you obtain it? (Choose only the one best answer.)

- a. Personal subscription: Print Electronic (Skip to Q15)
- b. Free Web journal (Skip to Q15)
- c. Preprint copy of the article: Print Electronic (Skip to Q15)
- d. Copy of the article from a colleague, author, etc.: Print Electronic (Skip to Q15)
- e. An author's Web site (Skip to Q15)
- f. Other Web site (Skip to Q15)
- g. From Bryant library's current periodicals collection: Print ?
- h. From Bryant library's other collection: Print Electronic database
- i. School, department, etc. subscription: Print Electronic database
- j. Electronic reserves from the Bryant library
- k. Interlibrary loan: Print Electronic
- l. DigitalCommons@Bryant University or other Institutional Repository
- m. Other source (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Skip to Q15)

6. What year was this article published/posted? \_\_\_\_\_

7. About how much time did you spend reading this article most recently? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

8. Where were you when you read this article?

- a. Office or lab
- b. Library
- c. Home
- d. Traveling
- e. Elsewhere (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

9. After you identified this article, approximately how much time (in minutes) did you and/or someone else on your behalf (e.g., graduate student, student assistant, librarian) spend in **each** of the following activities? (If no time was spent, please enter 0.)

Obtain, request, receive, or download and display the article:

Your own time ..... \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

Someone else's time on your behalf ..... \_\_\_ minutes  
 Photocopy, scan, or print out the article:  
 Your own time ..... \_\_\_ minutes  
 Someone else's time on your behalf ..... \_\_\_ minutes  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ ..... \_\_\_ minutes

10. If this article had not been available from the Bryant library, from where would you have obtained the article/information?

- a. I would not bother getting the article/information
- b. I would obtain the article/information from another source

Please specify source here: \_\_\_\_\_

**If b. is checked:**

In order to obtain the same article/information, if the Bryant library were not available, I would expect to spend \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of time and/or \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (If the answer is zero, please enter "0" instead of leaving a blank.)

11. For what purposes did you use, or do you plan to use, the information obtained from the article you last read? (Choose all that apply).

- a. Research
- b. Teaching
- c. Administration
- d. Current awareness/keeping up
- e. Writing proposals, reports, articles, etc.
- f. Consulting, advising others
- g. Internal or external presentations
- h. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Which purpose is the principal purpose? \_\_\_\_\_ (record from a to h above).

12. How important is the information contained in this article to achieving your principal purpose?

- 1. Not at all important (Skip to question 14)
- 2. Somewhat important
- 3. Important
- 4. Very important
- 5. Absolutely essential

13. In what ways did the reading of the article affect the principal purpose? (Choose all that apply):

- a. It improved the result
- b. It narrowed/broadened/changed the focus

- c. It inspired new thinking/ideas
- d. It resulted in collaboration/joint research
- e. It resulted in faster completion
- f. It resolved technical problems
- g. It saved time or other resources
- h. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

14. Did you cite this article or do you plan to cite it in another publication (e.g., article, report, book, periodical proceeding, etc.)?

- a. No
- b. Maybe
- c. Already did
- d. Will in the future

**Section 2: Book Reading**

15. In the past month (30 days) approximately from how many books or parts of books did you read for work? Include reading from a portion of the book such as skimming or reading a chapter. Include classroom text, scholarly, or review books read in print or electronic format. (If none, please enter “0” instead of leaving blank).

Number of books from which you read in the past month \_\_\_\_\_ books.

The following questions in this section refer to the **BOOK FROM WHICH YOU READ MOST RECENTLY**. Note that this last reading may not be typical, but will help us establish the range of reading patterns.

16. How long ago did you read this last book?

- a. In the past 7 days
- b. 2 weeks ago
- c. 3-4 weeks ago
- d. 2-3 months ago
- e. Over 3 months ago

17. What is the approximate title or topic of the book from which you last read?

Title or topic: \_\_\_\_\_

18. How did you become aware of this last book from which you read? (Choose only the best answer from a through f below)

- a. Found while browsing the Bryant library catalog or subject guide without a specific objective in mind or through the book collection of the library.

Approximately how much time did you spend browsing when this book was found? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

b. Found while I (or someone on my behalf) was searching by subject, author's name, etc. through a catalog, Amazon.com, indexing/abstracting service, web search engine, etc.

Approximately how much time did you (or someone on your behalf) spend searching? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

- c. Cited in another publication
- d. Another person told me about it
- e. Don't know or don't remember
- f. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

19. After you became aware of this book, from where did you obtain it? (Choose only the one best answer)

- a. I bought it for myself (Skip to Q27)
- b. A colleague, author or other person gave it to me (Skip to Q27)
- c. A free, advance, or purchased copy from the publisher (Skip to Q27)
- d. The Bryant library collection (circulated/borrowed) Print Electronic
- e. The Bryant library collection (read in the library) Print Electronic database
- f. Library book delivery service
- g. Faculty collection building opportunities/just in time purchasing
- h. Recommended for the Bryant library to purchase
- i. Interlibrary loan. From another HELIN library (e.g. Brown)
- j. Electronic reserves from the Bryant library
- k. Other source (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Skip to Q27)

20. After you identified this book, about how much time did you and/or someone else on your behalf spend in each of the following activities? (If no time was spent, please enter "0")

- a. Actually obtaining the book (e.g., going to the library):  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes
- b. Photocopying or scanning from the book  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes
- c. Displaying, downloading, printing from an electronic book:  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes
- d. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes

21a. About how many occasions did you read from this book in the past month (30 days)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ times

21b. About how much total time did you spend reading this book in the past month (30 days)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes or \_\_\_\_\_ hours

22. If this book were not available from the library, from where would you obtain the book/information?

- a. I would not bother getting the information
- b. I would obtain the information from another source

Please specify source here: \_\_\_\_\_

**If b. is checked:**

In order to obtain the same information, if the Bryant library were not available, I would expect to spend \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of time and/or \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (If the answer is zero, please enter "0" instead of leaving a blank.)

23. For what principal purpose did you use, or do you plan to use, the information obtained from the book you last read? (Choose all that apply.)

- a. Research
- b. Teaching
- c. Administration
- d. Current awareness/keeping up
- e. Writing proposals, reports, articles, etc.
- f. Consulting, advising others
- g. Internal or external presentations
- h. Continuing education for self
- i. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Which purpose is the principal? \_\_\_\_\_ (record from a to I above).

24. How important is the information contained in this book to achieving your principal purpose?

- 1. Not at all important (Skip to Question 26)
- 2. Somewhat important
- 3. Important
- 4. Very important
- 5. Absolutely essential

25. In what ways did reading the book affect the principal purpose? (Choose all that apply):

- a. It improved the result
- b. It narrowed/broadened/changed the focus
- c. It inspired new thinking/ideas
- d. It resulted in collaboration/joint research
- e. It resulted in faster completion
- f. It resolved technical problems
- g. It saved time or other resources
- h. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

26. Did you cite this book or plan to cite it in another publication? (e.g., article, report, book, published proceeding)

- a. No
- b. Maybe
- c. Already did
- d. Will in the future

**Section 3: Reading of Other Publications**

27. In the past month (30 days), approximately how many other publications have you read for your work? Include conference proceedings, government documents, technical reports, magazines, trade journals, etc. (If none, please enter “0” instead of leaving blank).

Number of other publications read in the past month \_\_\_\_\_ publications

The following questions in this section refer to the PUBLICATION YOU MOST RECENTLY READ. Note that this last reading may not be typical, but will help us establish the range of reading patterns.

28. What type of publication did you most recently read?

- a. Conference proceeding Print Electronic
- b. Government document or other technical report Print Electronic
- c. Magazine/ trade journal
- d. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

29. How long ago did you read this last publication?

- a. In the past 7 days
- b. 2 weeks ago
- c. 3-4 weeks ago
- d. 2-3 months ago
- e. Over 3 months ago

30. Approximately how much time did you or someone on your behalf spend becoming aware of this publication? (For example, browsing, searching, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

31. After you became aware of the publication, from where did you obtain it? (Choose only the one best answer)

- a. I bought it for myself (Skip to Q39)
- b. A colleague, author or other person gave it to me (Skip to Q39)
- c. Online from a non-library source (Skip to Q39)
- d. The Bryant library collection
- e. School or department collection
- f. Interlibrary loan or HELIN Library System
- g. Library book delivery service
- h. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Skip to Q39)

32. After you identified this publication, about how much time did you and/or someone else on your behalf, spend actually obtaining it, photocopying, scanning, downloading or printing it?

Your own time \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

33. About how much time did you spend reading this publication in the past month (30 days)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes or \_\_\_\_\_ hours

34. If this publication were not available from the Bryant library, from where would you obtain the information?

- a. I would not bother getting the information
- b. I would obtain the information from another source  
Please specify source here: \_\_\_\_\_

**If b. is checked:**

In order to obtain the same information, if this source were not available, I would expect to spend \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of time and/or \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (If the answer is zero, please enter "0" instead of leaving a blank.)

35. For what principal purpose did you use, or do you plan to use, the information obtained from the publication you last read? (Choose all that apply).

- a. Research
- b. Teaching
- c. Administration
- d. Current awareness/keeping up
- e. Writing proposals, reports, articles, etc.
- f. Consulting, advising others
- g. Internal or external presentations
- h. Continuing education for self
- i. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_



Which purpose is the principal purpose? \_\_\_\_\_ (record from a to i above).

36. How important is the information contained in this publication to achieving your principal purpose?

1. Not at all important (Skip to Question 38)
2. Somewhat important
3. Important
4. Very important
5. Absolutely essential

37. In what ways did the reading of the publication affect the principal purpose? (Choose all that apply):

- a. It improved the result
- b. It narrowed/broadened/changed the focus
- c. It inspired new thinking/ideas
- d. It resulted in collaboration/joint research
- e. It resulted in faster completion
- f. It resolved technical problems
- g. It saved time or other resources
- h. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

38. Did you cite this publication or plan to cite it in another publication (e.g., article, report, book, published proceeding?)

- a. No
- b. Maybe
- c. Already did
- d. Will in the future

#### **Section 4: Other Uses of the Bryant Library**

39. In the past month (30 days), approximately how many times did you use a librarian to conduct a reference search (catalog, databases,, getting access, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_ times (If zero enter "0" and skip to Q42).

40. About how much time did you or someone else on your behalf spend working with the librarian on these searches? \_\_\_\_\_minutes or \_\_\_\_\_hours

41. If there were no library, where would you go to conduct the LAST search done by a librarian?

- a. I would not bother
- b. I would conduct the search myself
- c. I would go to another source

**If b and/or c are checked:**

If there were no library, I would expect to spend \_\_\_\_\_ minutes or \_\_\_\_\_ hours of my time and/or \$\_\_\_\_\_ (if the answers are zero, please enter "0")

42. The Bryant library sometimes assigns a librarian to work with faculty on a research project. In the past year (12 months), did you work with a librarian on such a research project?

Yes

No (skip to Q )

If yes, about how much time did you spend working with the librarian on this research? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes or \_\_\_\_\_ hours or \_\_\_\_\_ days

43. How much time or money did the librarian save you? (if the answers are zero, please enter "0")

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes or \_\_\_\_\_ hours or \_\_\_\_\_ days

Money: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

44. How important was working a librarian to your project?

1. Not at all important
2. Somewhat important
3. Important
4. Very important
5. Absolutely essential

45. In what ways was working with a librarian important?

- a. It improved the result
- b. It narrowed/broadened/changed the focus
- c. It inspired new thinking/ideas
- d. It resulted in collaboration/joint research
- e. It resulted in faster completion
- f. It resolved technical problems
- g. It saved time or other resources
- h Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

46. In the past month (30 days), how many times did you seek assistance from the Bryant library public service desk to answer questions about library services, circulation assistance, looking up something, troubleshooting, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_ times (if zero, please enter "0")

47. In the past month (30 days), how many times did you ask for assistance on harder matters by telephone reference, text or instant messaging, etc? \_\_\_\_\_ times

48. How much of your total time was involved? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes \_\_\_\_\_ hours
49. How much time or money did all this assistance save you? ( if the answer is zero, please enter "0")

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes or \_\_\_\_\_ hours

Money: \$\_\_\_\_\_

50. In the past year did you attend a formal class or an instructional course at the Bryant library taught by member of the library staff?
- a. Yes  
b. No (Go to Q52)

About how much of your time did such instruction involve, including both in class and studying?  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes \_\_\_\_\_ hours

51. How important was the instruction you received to your work?

1. Not at all important
2. Somewhat important
3. Important
4. Very Important
5. Absolutely essential

52. In the past month (30 days) did you receive any specific informal instruction by library staff? (e.g., use of workstations, searching, databases, etc.)
- a. Yes  
b. No (Go to Q54)

About how much of your time did you spend with library staff members?  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

53. How important was the instruction you received to your work?

1. Not at all important
2. Somewhat important
3. Important
4. Very important
5. Absolutely essential

54. The Bryant library provides access to several types of equipment, Ipads, laptops, MP3 players, DVD players, and accessories such as battery chargers, internet cables, etc.

In the past year (12 months), have you borrowed such equipment?

- a. Yes  
b. No (Skip to Q56)

If yes, about how many times have you borrowed such equipment? \_\_\_\_\_ times

55. If the library didn't lend this equipment, would you have gotten it from elsewhere?

- a. Yes
- b. No

If yes, about how much would it cost you in time and/or money?  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes and/or \$\_\_\_\_\_ (if none, enter zero)

56. The Bryant library provides access to other materials such as Audiovisual materials, videos, leisure materials (e.g. a novel), Netflix for educational purposes, lesson materials, the institutional repository, etc.

In the past year (12 months), have you used any such materials?

- a. Yes
- b. No (skip to Q58)

57. If the library didn't provide such material would you have gotten it from elsewhere?

- a. Yes
- b. No

If yes, about how much would it cost you in time and/or money?  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes and/or \$\_\_\_\_\_ (if none, enter zero)

58. The Bryant library informs its users about services in many ways. Which of the following have you ever used, participated in, or read?

- a. Library tours
- b. Exhibits and displays
- c. Axis TV
- d. Newsletter
- e. Library blog, library updates via Twitter, Facebook
- f. Open house

59. Have you used library workstations in the library?

Yes  
No (Skip to Q61)

60. About how much time have you spent using those workstations in the past year (12 months)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes or \_\_\_\_\_ hours

61. Have you used the library leisure/workspace in the past year (12 months) for reading or other work?
- a. Yes
  - b. No (Skip to Q63)
62. About how much time have you spent using the leisure/workspace in the past year (12 months)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes or \_\_\_\_\_ hours
63. Have you used any library workrooms (101, 102, 103, 214, and FMC) in the past year (12 months)?
- a. Yes
  - b. No (Skip to Q66)
64. For what reasons did you use the rooms? (Select all that apply)
- a. For a class
  - b. For meeting
  - c. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
65. How much time did you spend using these rooms? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes or \_\_\_\_\_ hours
66. Have you attended any special programs, invited speeches, etc. in the Bryan library rooms, Grand Hall, etc. in the last year (12 months)?
- a. Yes
  - b. No (Skip to Q68)
67. About how much total time did you spend at these special programs, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ hours

**Section 5: Demographics**

68. What sources did you use for the last substantive piece of information you used for work? (Select all that apply)
- a. Journal article
  - b. Conference presentation
  - c. Conference proceeding
  - d. Web site
  - e. Magazine or trade journal article
  - f. Book or book chapter
  - g. Personal contact
  - h. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
69. Please record your principal department or office.
70. What is your position?

- a. Professor
- b. Associate Professor
- c. Assistant Professor
- d. Instructor/Lecturer
- e. Adjunct
- f. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

71. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

72. In the past two years, how many of the following have you published (If the answer is zero, please enter "0" instead of leaving a blank) articles and refereed/scholarly journals \_\_\_\_\_ non-refereed articles \_\_\_\_\_ scholarly books \_\_\_\_\_ chapters in scholarly books, proceedings, etc.  
\_\_\_\_\_

73. In the past two years, have you received any awards or special recognition for your research or other profession-related contributions?

- a. Yes
- b. No

If yes, briefly describe your awards or recognition \_\_\_\_\_

74. Please indicate any comments you might have concerning the Bryant library services, staff or this survey

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**THANK YOU!**

**Copies of the final report on this study will be available through the library later this year.**