As in 2010, the predominant issues facing libraries was funding stability and e-content acquisition, specifically eBooks. Although limited national library data were available at the time this article was prepared, news appearing throughout 2011 in Library Journal, American Libraries and the ALA annual report - 2011¹ - indicate the economic dimate did not improve in 2011. Not only have libraries continued to struggle with flat or decreasing operating revenue due to the ongoing national (and international) economic slump, libraries also struggled with meeting the rapidly increasing consumer demand for eBook content. Publishers and distributors responded in interesting ways, demonstrating their uncertainty with the eBook market for everything from K-12 and higher education text books to popular, mass market titles, and how best to support library patron access. This article will highlight available library statistics for 2011, including the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Academic Libraries: 2010, First Look, the latest ALA Association of School Librarians (AASL) study, School Libraries Count!, the Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study, and SPEC Kits released by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL).

Winners of research awards and grants conferred by the American Library Association and its divisions, Beta Phi Mu, the American Society for Information Science and Technology, the Association for Library and Information Science Education, and the Medical Library Association also are highlighted.

Public Libraries

Findings of the Public Library Association, Public Library Data Service 2011 Statistical Report² provides results from FY2010 public library data collected from a self-selected response pool representing very small to very large libraries in North America, and all results are actual and un-weighted. The results are influenced by a higher response from smaller libraries than the previous year. For instance, circulation

using savings to operate. It will be interesting to see the FY2010 public library data to be released in spring 2012 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to see if the national weighted data align with the PLDS sample data.

The American Library Association (ALA) conducts an annual household survey to follow public library use. Harris Interactive conducted the 2010 and 2011 telephone surveys and the 2011 results identified some modest changes the number of in person visits adjusted down with 2 percent fewer reporting monthly or more visits, yet visits by telephone increased.³ In fact, for individuals reporting increased use of the library use by telephone increased 12 percent in 2011 from 2010 for a net increase of 3 percent of all reporting increased use. Satisfaction remained

the following services - help in starting a business (up 9 percent), access to computers, training and support (up 7 percent), providing accurate and up-to-date financial information (up 6 percent), and providing information for school and work (up 5 percent).

These household survey findings were echoed in a new study series launched by Library Journal (LJ), Patron Profiles.⁴ Conducted quarterly on a variety of topics, the first in the series analyzed results from 2,421 participants on a range of baseline information (e.g., demographics, library use patterns, etc.) and drilled specifically into patron eBook use. The results identify patron

positive findings include Wi-Fi

or more books in a year (19%). But among those who have an eReader, over one-third read 11-20 books a year (36%) and over one-quarter read 21 or more bo The Harris Poll also 2011 Winner:

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2011 Winner: , Dickinson College, for her project to construct a bibliography of the pamphlets of the Deutscher Fichte Bund, a propaganda organization active in Hamburg, Germany from 1914-1941.

2011 Winner: No Winner (award on hold)

2011 Winner:

, Assistant Professor at the iSchool at Syracuse

for Increasing

http://www.alise.org

2011 Winners: Mentoring, Collaboration, and Interdisciplinary: An Evaluation of the

, Indiana University Bloomington

2011 Winner: The Impact of National Board Certification of Library Media Specialists on Student Academic Achievement | A National Study (Impact NBC)," by , Old Dominion University

http://www.lita.org

2011 Winner: , Associate Professor of History and Art History at George Mason University and the Director of the Center for History and New Media

http://www.mlanet.org

2011 Winner: , Faculty of Nursing Library, University of Alberta-Edmonton, Canada

2011 Winner: No winner

2011 Winner: , AHIP, FMLA, Samuel J. Wood Library, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY

President's Award 2011 Winner: Diego, La Jolla, CA

, retired, Biomedical Library, University of California-San