FDLP Forecast Study Data Report
Library Forecast Question 10

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Question 10 of the Library Forecast Questionnaire asked depository libraries: "The tangible FDLP collection is: (Please mark all that apply.)" This report documents the data gathered from this question. Please note: totals may not always equal 100% due to rounding.

The data report, Overall High-Level Quantitative Data for Library Forecast Questionnaires, is available for viewing.

The results are presented by:

- Library Type
    - Academic General
    - Academic, Community College
    - Academic, Law Library
    - Federal Agency Library
    - Federal Court Library
    - Highest State Court Library
    - Public Library
    - Service Academy
    - Special Library
    - State Library
- Library Size
    - Large = > 1,000,000 volumes
    - Medium = 250,000 – 1,000,000 volumes
    - Small = < 250,000 volumes
- Depository Type
    - Regional
    - Selective
- Cross-tabulated by Library Size and Depository Type
- Cross-tabulated by Library Type and Depository Type

PRESENTATION OF QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

Question 10 asked, "The tangible FDLP collection is: (Please mark all that apply.)" The response options were:

1) A valuable information asset
2) Supportive of the library's mission
3) Viewed as cost and/or space intensive
4) Other (Please elaborate)

Of the 802 respondents to Library Forecast Question 10, there were a total of 1,827 observations (options selected – respondents were not limited to the number of options they could select). Of the total observations, 626 (34%) categorized the tangible FDLP collection to be "A Valuable Information Asset," 669 (37%) were "Supportive of the Library's Mission," 366 (20%) were "Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive," and 166 responses (9%) were categorized as "Other." The "Other" responses are addressed in the "Presentation of Qualitative Results" section of this report.

Figure 1: Overall Responses
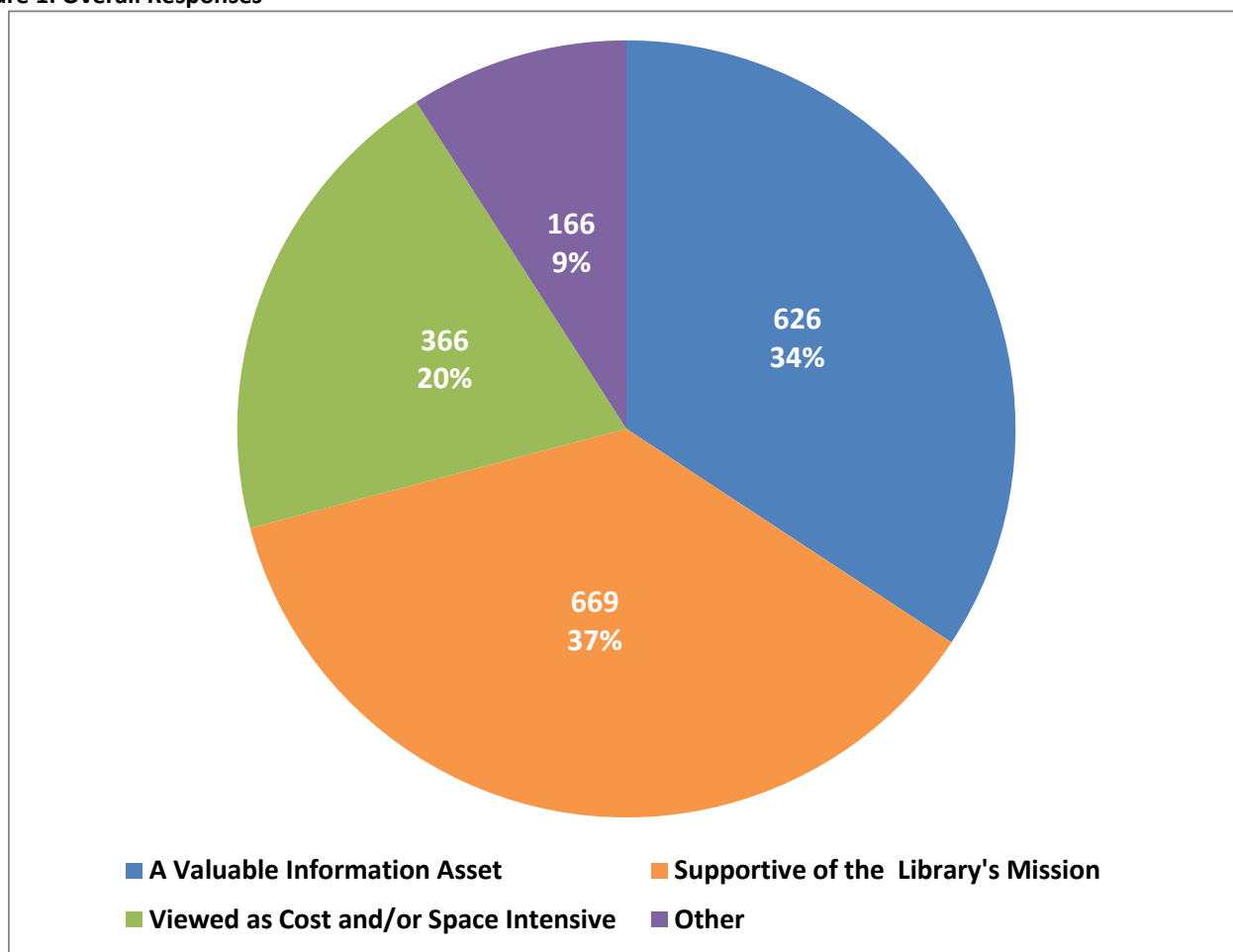
Because of the large number of responses from the library type, Academic General, their responses are graphed independently from the other library types in this report.

Certain response options are also graphed independently due to their wide range of numbers.

Independent graphing by "library type" or "response option" ensures clarity and readability of all data presented in the graphs that follow.

Figure 2 illustrates response rates by library type for all 802 respondents.

Academic General Libraries provided the highest number of responses (58%), followed by Academic, Law Libraries (13%) and Public Libraries (13%).
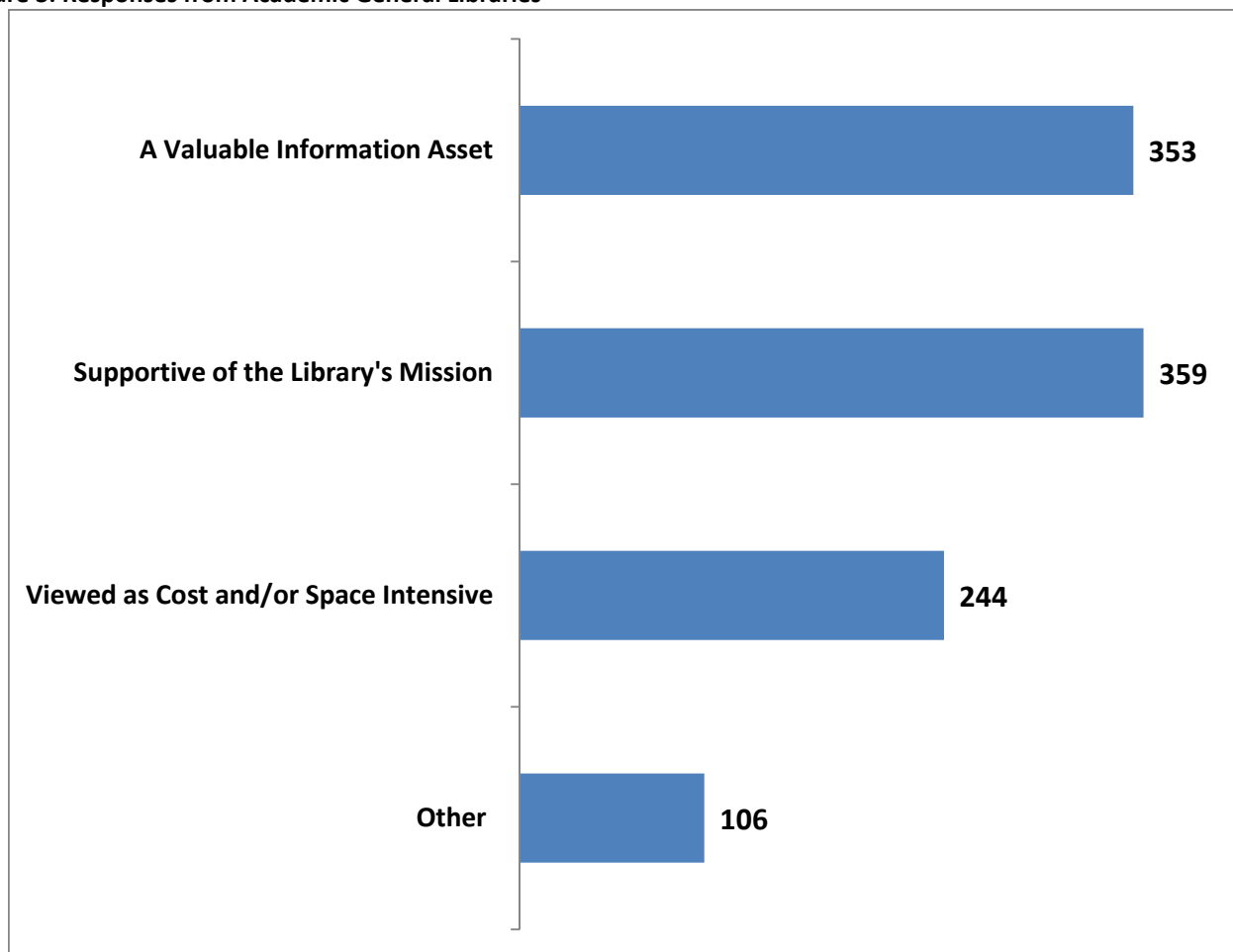
Figure 2: Response Rate by Library Type

Library Type	A Valuable Information Asset		Supportive of the Library's Mission		Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive		Other		Total Freq	Total %
	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Academic General	353	56%	359	54%	244	67%	106	64%	1,062	58%
Academic, Community College	22	4%	25	4%	8	2%	9	5%	64	4%
Academic, Law Library	89	14%	100	15%	34	9%	15	9%	238	13%
Federal Agency Library	12	2%	14	2%	7	2%	3	2%	36	2%
Federal Court Library	6	1%	6	1%	1	0%	0	0%	13	1%
Highest State Court Library	24	4%	24	4%	6	2%	4	2%	58	3%
Public Library	81	13%	98	15%	47	13%	19	11%	245	13%
Service Academy	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	1%	4	0%
Special Library	7	1%	7	1%	0	0%	1	1%	15	1%
State Library	31	5%	35	5%	18	5%	8	5%	92	5%
Grand Total	**626**	**100%**	**669**	**100%**	**366**	**100%**	**166**	**100%**	**1,827**	**100%**

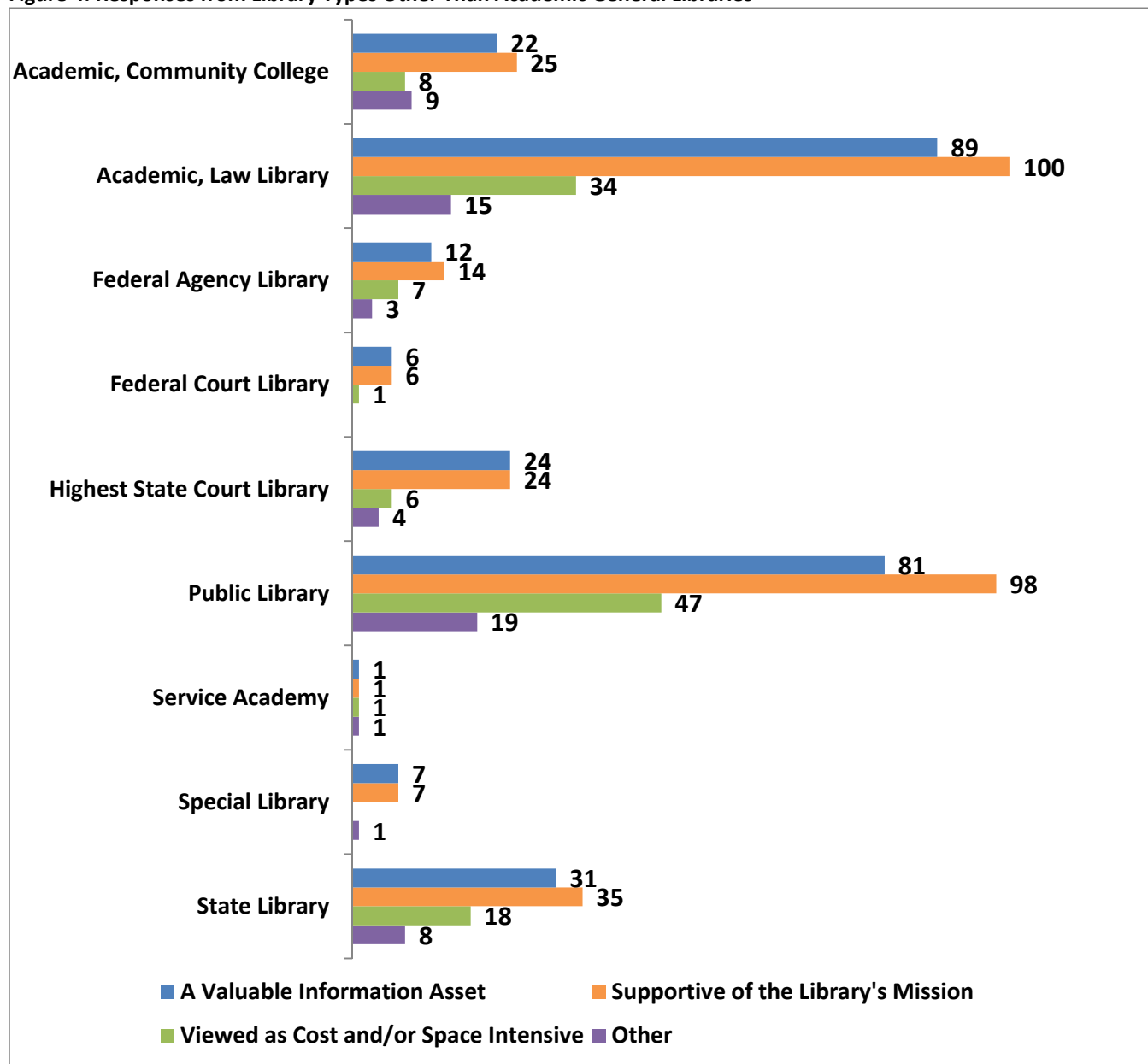**Figures 3 and 4 illustrate total responses by library type for all 802 respondents.**

Academic General Libraries provided the highest total number of responses, with 1,062. Of these responses,   "Supportive of the Library's Mission" (359) and "A Valuable Information Asset" (353) were most frequently indicated.

Figure 3: Responses from Academic General Libraries

Of the total number of responses from library types other than Academic General Libraries, Academic, Law Libraries provided the highest number of "A Valuable Information Asset" responses, with 89 and "Supportive of the Library's Mission" responses, with 100. Public Libraries provided the highest number of "Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive" responses, with 47.

Figure 4: Responses from Library Types Other Than Academic General Libraries
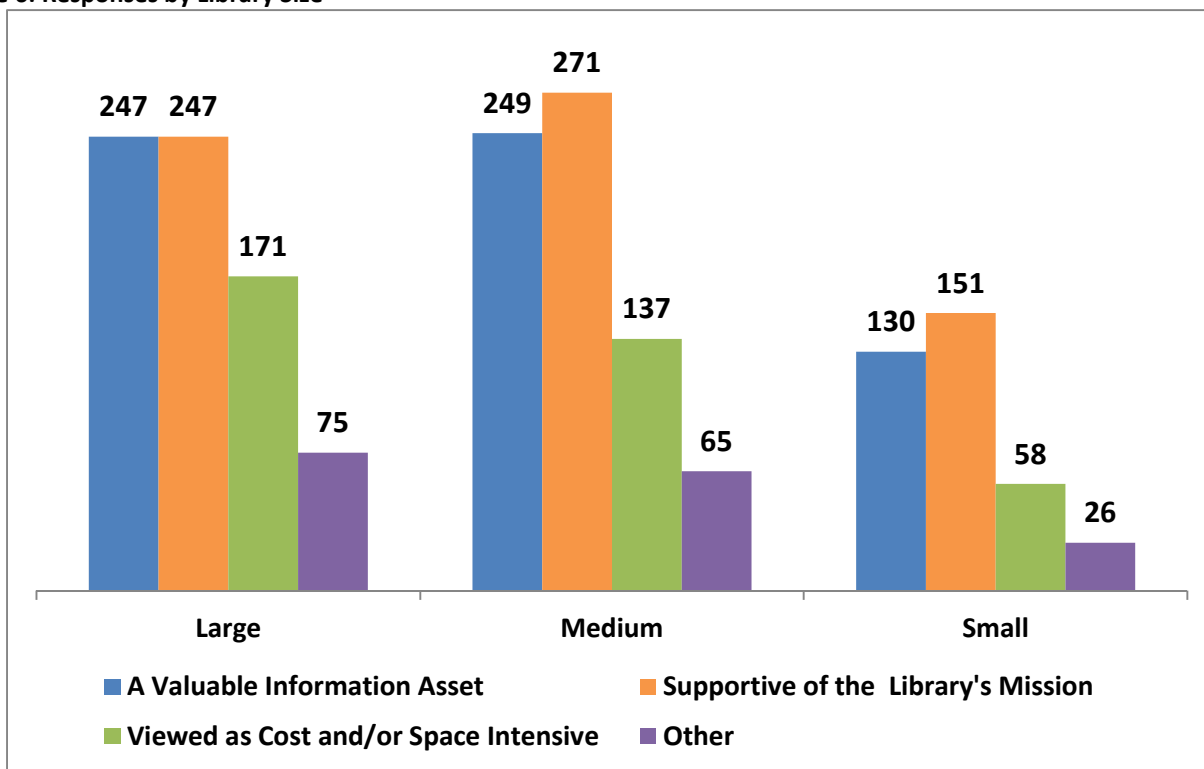
Figures 5 and 6 illustrate responses by library size for all 802 respondents.

Medium Libraries provided the highest total number of "A Valuable Information Asset" responses, with 249 and "Supportive of the Library's Mission" responses, with 271. Large Libraries provided the highest total number of "Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive" responses, with 171.

Figure 5: Responses by Library Size

Library Size	A Valuable Information Asset		Supportive of the Library's Mission		Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive		Other		Total Freq	Total %
	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Large	247	39%	247	37%	171	47%	75	45%	740	41%
Medium	249	40%	271	41%	137	37%	65	39%	722	40%
Small	130	21%	151	23%	58	16%	26	16%	365	20%
Grand Total	**626**	**100%**	**669**	**100%**	**366**	**100%**	**166**	**100%**	**1,827**	**100%**

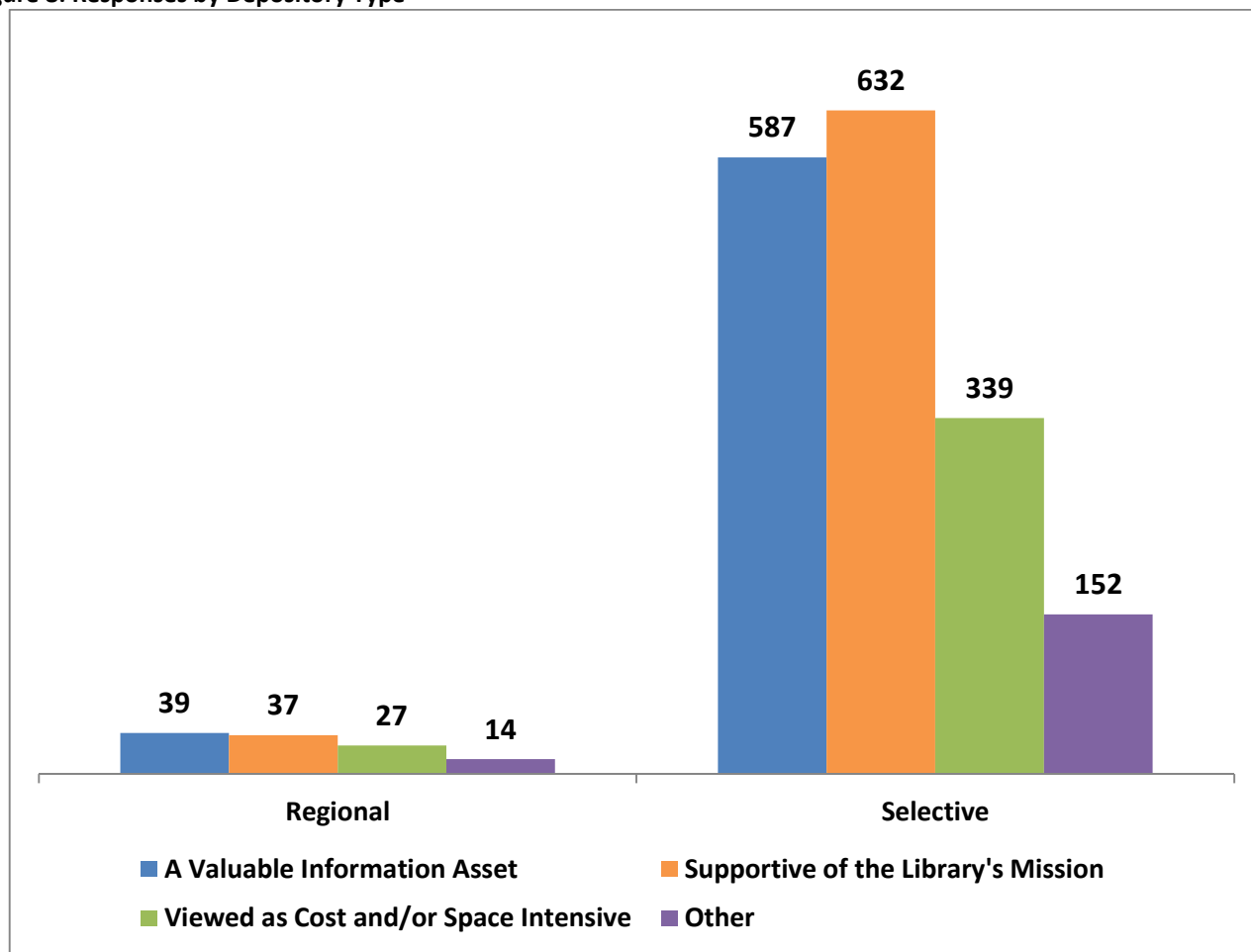**Figure 6: Responses by Library Size**

Figures 7 and 8 illustrate responses by depository type for all 802 respondents.

Among Regional Libraries, "A Valuable Information Asset" had the highest number of overall responses, with 39. Among Selective Libraries, "Supportive of the Library's Mission" had the highest number of overall responses, with 632.

Figure 7: Responses by Depository Type

Depository Type	A Valuable Information Asset		Supportive of the Library's Mission		Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive		Other		Total Freq	Total %
	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Regional	39	6%	37	6%	27	7%	14	8%	117	6%
Selective	587	94%	632	94%	339	93%	152	92%	1,710	94%
Grand Total	**626**	**100%**	**669**	**100%**	**366**	**100%**	**166**	**100%**	**1,827**	**100%**

Figure 8: Responses by Depository Type

Figures 9, 10, and 11 illustrate responses cross-tabulated by depository type and library size for all 802 respondents.

Large Regional Libraries provided a higher number of "A Valuable Information Asset" responses (38) than the other response choices. In addition, the one Medium Regional Library categorized the tangible FDLP collection to be "A Valuable Information Asset" and "Supportive of the Library's Mission."

Large Selective Libraries provided a higher number of "Supportive of the Library's Mission" responses (211) than the other response choices. Medium Selective Libraries (270) and Small Selective Libraries (151) also provided a higher number of "Supportive of the Library's Mission" responses than the other response choices.

Figure 9: Responses by Depository Type and Library Size

Depository Type	Library Size	A Valuable Information Asset		Supportive of the Library's Mission		Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive		Other		Total Freq	Total %
		Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Regional	**Large**	38	6%	36	5%	27	7%	13	8%	114	6%
	Medium	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	1%	3	0%
Regional Total		**39**	**6%**	**37**	**6%**	**27**	**7%**	**14**	**8%**	**117**	**6%**
Selective	**Large**	209	33%	211	32%	144	39%	62	37%	626	34%
	Medium	248	40%	270	40%	137	37%	64	39%	719	39%
	Small	130	21%	151	23%	58	16%	26	16%	365	20%
Selective Total		**587**	**94%**	**632**	**94%**	**339**	**93%**	**152**	**92%**	**1,710**	**94%**
Grand Total		**626**	**100%**	**669**	**100%**	**366**	**100%**	**166**	**100%**	**1,827**	**100%**

Figure 10: All Regional Responses by Library Size

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Large: A Valuable Information Asset = 38, Supportive of the Library's Mission = 36, Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive = 27, Other = 13

Medium: A Valuable Information Asset = 1, Supportive of the Library's Mission = 1, Other = 1

- A Valuable Information Asset
- Supportive of the Library's Mission
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive
- Other

Figure 11: All Selective Responses by Library Size

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Large: A Valuable Information Asset = 209, Supportive of the Library's Mission = 211, Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive = 144, Other = 62

Medium: A Valuable Information Asset = 248, Supportive of the Library's Mission = 270, Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive = 137, Other = 64

Small: A Valuable Information Asset = 130, Supportive of the Library's Mission = 151, Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive = 58, Other = 26

- A Valuable Information Asset
- Supportive of the Library's Mission
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive
- Other

Figures 12, 13, 14, and 15 illustrate responses cross-tabulated by depository type and library type for all 802 respondents.

Regional Libraries:
- Academic General Libraries provided a higher number of "A Valuable Information Asset" (25) responses than the other response choices.
- Public Libraries provided equal numbers of "A Valuable Information Asset," "Supportive of the Library's Mission," and "Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive" (2) responses each.
- State Libraries provided equal numbers of "A Valuable Information Asset" and "Supportive of the Library's Mission" (12) responses each.

Selective Libraries:
- Almost all library types reported a higher number of "Supportive of the Library's Mission" responses than the other response choices.
- Federal Court Libraries, Highest State Court Libraries, and Special Libraries reported an equal number of responses for "A Valuable Information Asset" and "Supportive of the Library's Mission."
- Service Academies reported an equal number of responses across all response choices.

Figure 12: Responses by Depository Type and Library Type

Depository Type	Library Type	A Valuable Information Asset		Supportive of the Library's Mission		Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive		Other		Total Freq	Total %
		Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Regional	Academic General	25	4%	23	3%	19	5%	11	7%	78	4%
	Public Library	2	0%	2	0%	2	1%	0	0%	6	0%
	State Library	12	2%	12	2%	6	2%	3	2%	33	2%
Regional Total		**39**	**6%**	**37**	**6%**	**27**	**7%**	**14**	**8%**	**117**	**6%**
Selective	Academic General	328	52%	336	50%	225	61%	95	57%	984	54%
	Academic, Community College	22	4%	25	4%	8	2%	9	5%	64	4%
	Academic, Law Library	89	14%	100	15%	34	9%	15	9%	238	13%
	Federal Agency Library	12	2%	14	2%	7	2%	3	2%	36	2%
	Federal Court Library	6	1%	6	1%	1	0%	0	0%	13	1%
	Highest State Court Library	24	4%	24	4%	6	2%	4	2%	58	3%
	Public Library	79	13%	96	14%	45	12%	19	11%	239	13%
	Service Academy	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	1%	4	0%
	Special Library	7	1%	7	1%	0	0%	1	1%	15	1%
	State Library	19	3%	23	3%	12	3%	5	3%	59	3%
Selective Total		**587**	**94%**	**632**	**94%**	**339**	**93%**	**152**	**92%**	**1,710**	**94%**
Grand Total		**626**	**100%**	**669**	**100%**	**366**	**100%**	**166**	**100%**	**1,827**	**100%**

Figure 13: All Regional Responses by Library Type

Legend:
- A Valuable Information Asset
- Supportive of the Library's Mission
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive
- Other

Academic General:
- A Valuable Information Asset: 25
- Supportive of the Library's Mission: 23
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive: 19
- Other: 11

Public Library:
- A Valuable Information Asset: 2
- Supportive of the Library's Mission: 2
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive: 2

State Library:
- A Valuable Information Asset: 12
- Supportive of the Library's Mission: 12
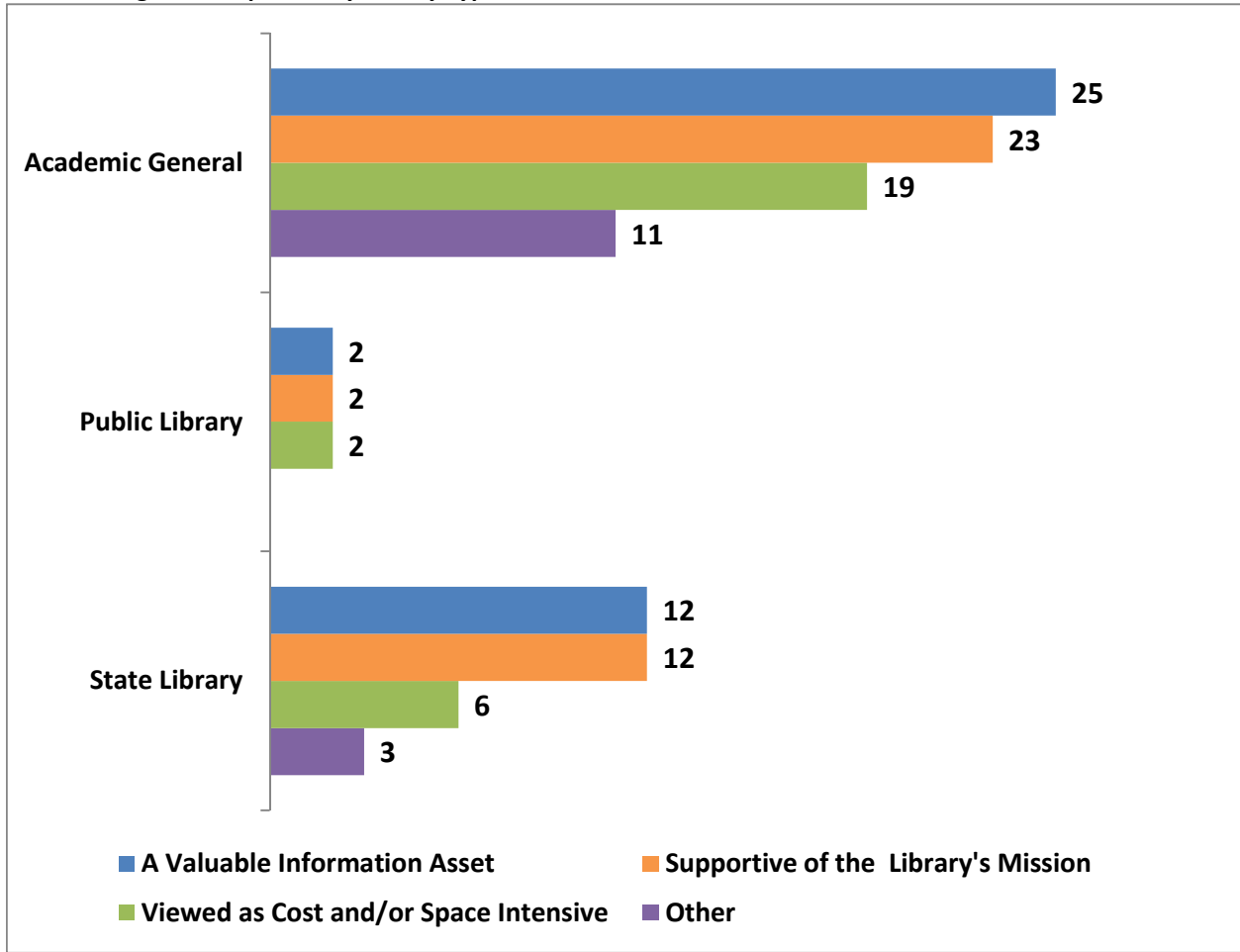- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive: 6
- Other: 3

Figure 14: Responses for Selective Academic General Libraries
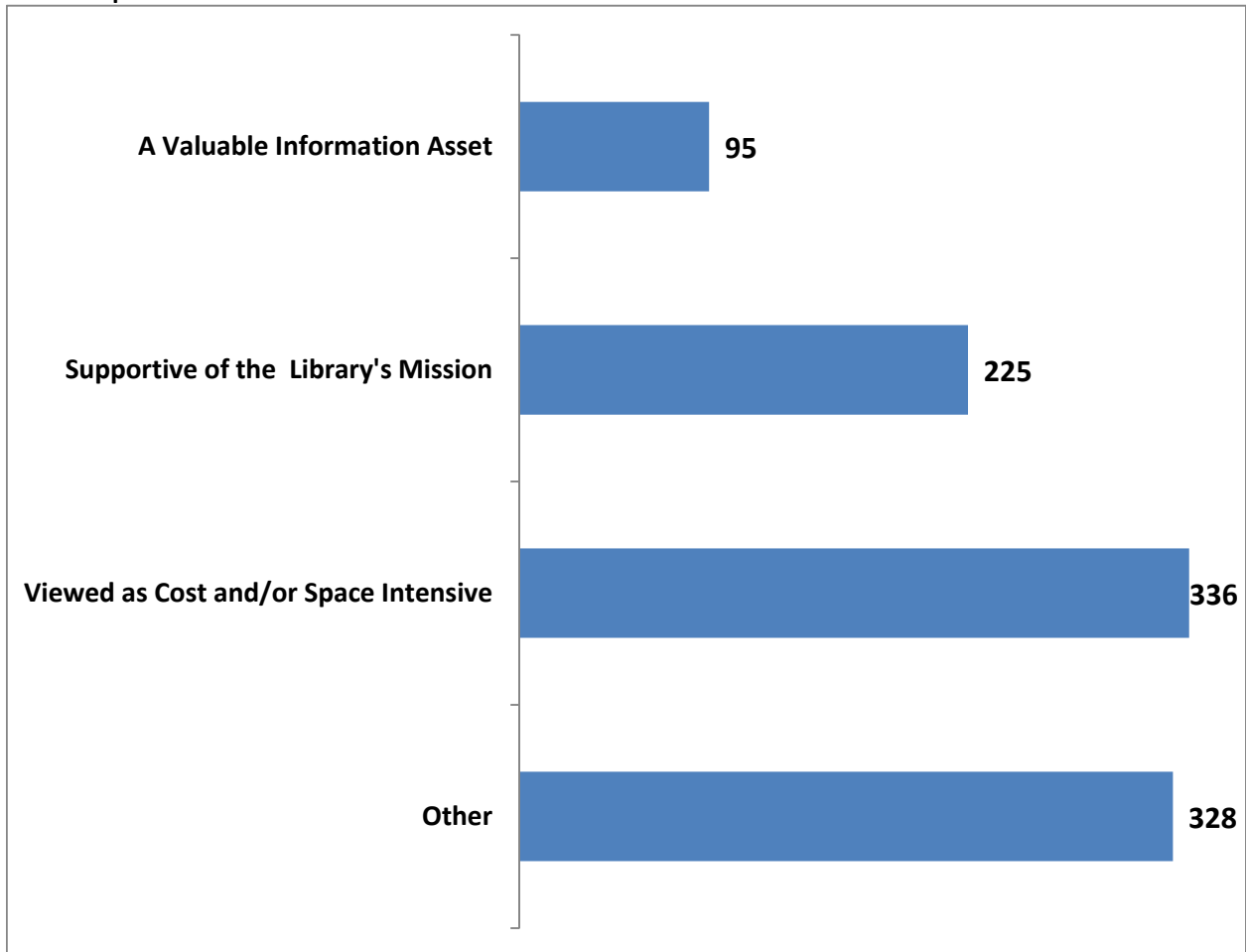
Figure 15: Responses for All Selective Library Types Other than Academic General Libraries

Academic, Community College
- A Valuable Information Asset: 22
- Supportive of the Library's Mission: 25
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive: 8
- Other: 9

Academic, Law Library
- A Valuable Information Asset: 89
- Supportive of the Library's Mission: 100
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive: 34
- Other: 15

Federal Agency Library
- A Valuable Information Asset: 12
- Supportive of the Library's Mission: 14
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive: 7
- Other: 3

Federal Court Library
- A Valuable Information Asset: 6
- Supportive of the Library's Mission: 6
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive: 1

Highest State Court Library
- A Valuable Information Asset: 24
- Supportive of the Library's Mission: 24
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive: 6
- Other: 4

Public Library
- A Valuable Information Asset: 79
- Supportive of the Library's Mission: 96
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive: 45
- Other: 19

Service Academy
- A Valuable Information Asset: 1
- Supportive of the Library's Mission: 1
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive: 1
- Other: 1

Special Library
- A Valuable Information Asset: 7
- Supportive of the Library's Mission: 7
- Other: 1

State Library
- A Valuable Information Asset: 19
- Supportive of the Library's Mission: 23
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive: 12
- Other: 5

Legend:
- A Valuable Information Asset
- Supportive of the Library's Mission
- Viewed as Cost and/or Space Intensive
- Other

PRESENTATION OF QUALITATIVE RESULTS

166 libraries answered "Other" to the statement "The tangible FDLP collection is:" and were given the opportunity to elaborate. Respondents were not limited to the number of topics they could indicate. The following figures depict the results of the qualitative analysis, and the findings of the individual open-ended responses.

Individual open-ended responses totaled 255 observations (individual elaborations). Observations were grouped into six over-arching categories for reporting purposes:

1. **Collection Management** refers to library explanations that pertain to the management of the tangible collection. Examples of responses include: FDLP procedures and policies, or issues with the Program, either positive or negative; cataloging by either GPO or the library, either positive or negative; a preference for, or transition to mainly electronic collections; past, present, or future reduction or weeding to reduce collection size; and future or current evaluation of collection scope.

2. **Library Operation Issues** refers to operational library issues associated with the tangible collection. Examples of responses include: resource issues, including time, labor, and staff; storage or space issues; and issues with support or commitment to the tangible collection.

3. **Negative Value** includes responses that indicate that in one way or other the library's tangible collection is negatively valued. Examples of responses include: negative cost impact; is decreasing in value; is not valued by some stakeholders; or is not a valuable information asset.

4. **Positive Value** includes responses that indicate that in one way or other the library's tangible collection is positively valued. Examples of responses include: the tangible collection is part of the library's overall mission or commitment to users; is a valued format; is a valuable source of information; has varying degrees of value among stakeholders; or is valued for its cost to the library.

5. **Usage Issues** refers to library explanations that indicate that there are issues with the tangible collection's usage or access. Examples of responses include: low or uncertain usage; declining usage; or barriers to access, whether physical barriers, barriers to usage, or lack of awareness.

6. **Other** refers to all other Library elaborations about the tangible collection and responses that were unclear or provided additional information about a libraries response. Examples of responses include: "not relevant" and "no answer."

Of the total number of observations reported by respondents, 23% elaborated on the topic of "Collection Management," 14% elaborated on topics concerning "Library Operation Issues," 11% elaborated on topics concerning "Usage Issues," 8% elaborated on topics concerning "Negative Value," 31% elaborated on topics concerning "Positive Value," and 13% elaborated on topics concerning "Other."

Figure 16: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations: Responses by Category

	Collection Management		Library Operation Issues		Negative Value		Positive Value		Usage Issues		Other			
	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Total Freq	Total %
Total	59	23%	36	14%	21	8%	79	31%	28	11%	32	13%	255	100%

Figure 17: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations: Responses by Category
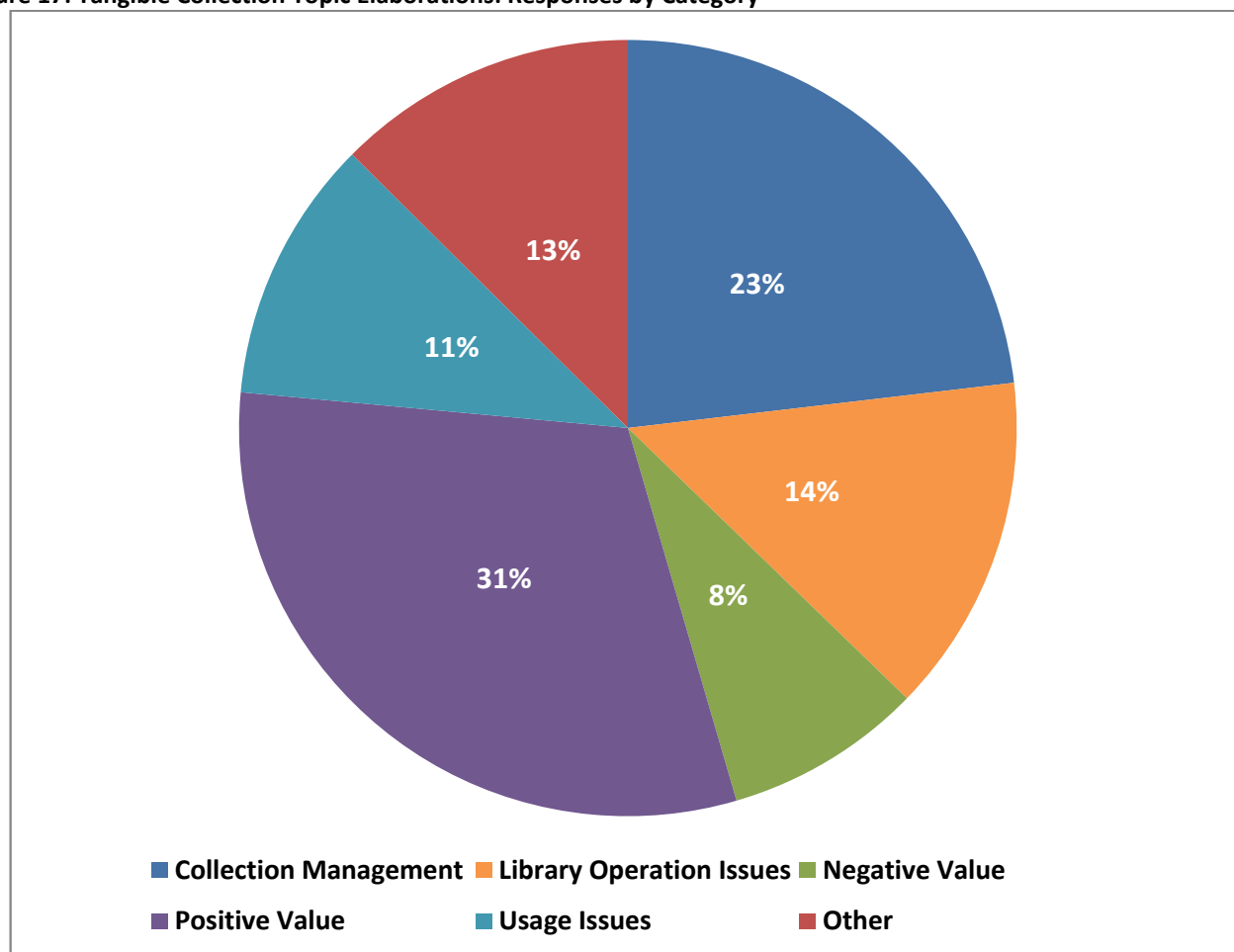
For the purpose of focusing on relevant responses, the "Other" responses have been removed from the following data figure, which has reduced the number of observations to 223.

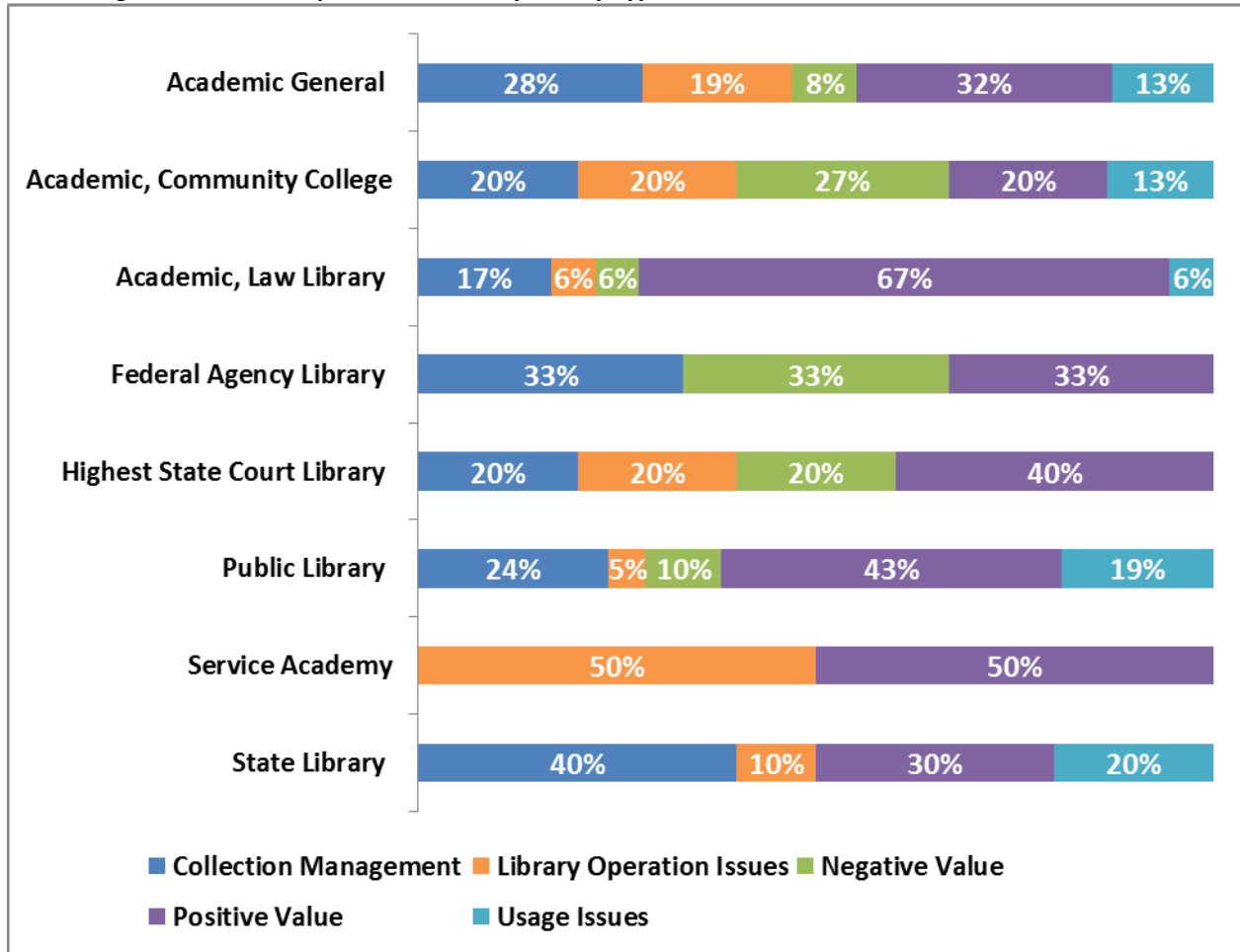**Figures 18 and 19 illustrate tangible collection topic elaborations by library type.**

As reflected in the data, results are slightly dependent on library types.
- State Libraries elaborated most on the topic of Collection Management.
- Federal Agency Libraries elaborated equally on topics of Collection Management, Negative Value, and Positive Value.
- Service Academies elaborated most on topics of Library Operation Issues and Positive Value.
- Academic General Libraries; Academic, Law Libraries; Highest State Court Libraries; and Public Libraries elaborated most on the topic of Positive Value.
- Academic, Community Libraries elaborated most on the topic of Negative Value.

Figure 18: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations by Library Type

Library Type	Collection Management		Library Operation Issues		Negative Value		Positive Value		Usage Issues		Total Freq	Total %
	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Academic General	42	28%	28	19%	12	8%	48	32%	19	13%	149	100%
Academic, Community College	3	20%	3	20%	4	27%	3	20%	2	13%	15	100%
Academic, Law Library	3	17%	1	6%	1	6%	12	67%	1	6%	18	100%
Federal Agency Library	1	33%	0	0%	1	33%	1	33%	0	0%	3	100%
Highest State Court Library	1	20%	1	20%	1	20%	2	40%	0	0%	5	100%
Public Library	5	24%	1	5%	2	10%	9	43%	4	19%	21	100%
Service Academy	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	2	100%
State Library	4	40%	1	10%	0	0%	3	30%	2	20%	10	100%
Grand Total	**59**	**26%**	**36**	**16%**	**21**	**9%**	**79**	**35%**	**28**	**13%**	**223**	**100%**

Figure 19: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations by Library Type
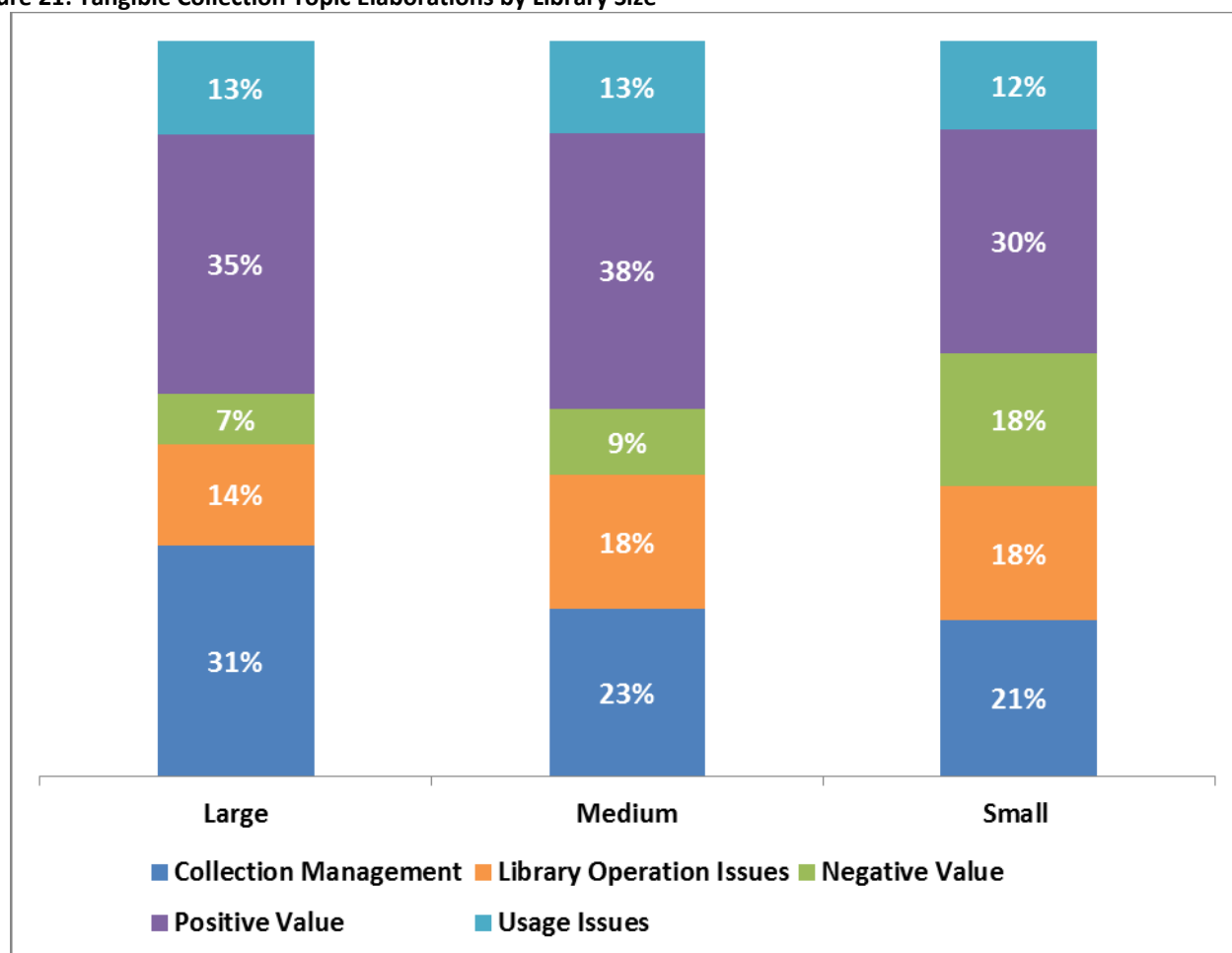
Figures 20 and 21 illustrate tangible collection topic elaborations by library size.

In examining the results by library size, no strong preference surfaced. All library sizes provided the greatest response rate for elaborations on the topic of Positive Value.

Figure 20: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations by Library Size

Library Size	Collection Management		Library Operation Issues		Negative Value		Positive Value		Usage Issues		Total Freq	Total %
	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Large	32	31%	14	14%	7	7%	36	35%	13	13%	102	100%
Medium	20	23%	16	18%	8	9%	33	38%	11	13%	88	100%
Small	7	21%	6	18%	6	18%	10	30%	4	12%	33	100%
Grand Total	**59**	**26%**	**36**	**16%**	**21**	**9%**	**79**	**35%**	**28**	**13%**	**223**	**100%**

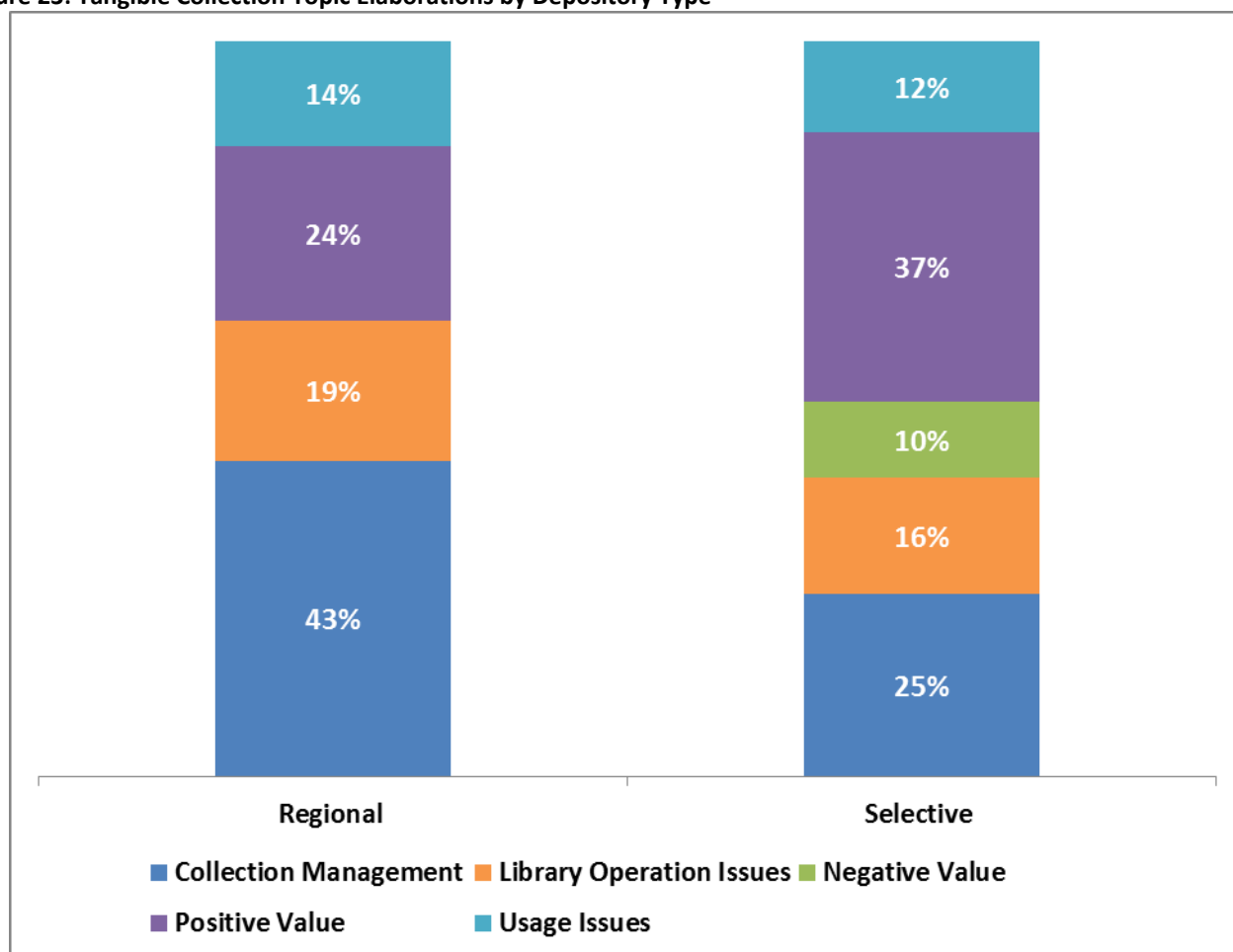**Figure 21: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations by Library Size**

Figures 22 and 23 illustrate tangible collection topic elaborations by depository type.

The results show that Regional Libraries elaborated the most on the topic of Collection Management, while Selective Libraries elaborated the most on the topic of Positive Value for tangible collections.

Figure 22: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations by Depository Type

Depository Type	Collection Management		Library Operation Issues		Negative Value		Positive Value		Usage Issues		Total Freq	Total %
	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Regional	9	43%	4	19%	0	0%	5	24%	3	14%	21	100%
Selective	50	25%	32	16%	21	10%	74	37%	25	12%	202	100%
Grand Total	**59**	**26%**	**36**	**16%**	**21**	**9%**	**79**	**35%**	**28**	**13%**	**223**	**100%**

Figure 23: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations by Depository Type

Figures 24, 25, and 26 illustrate tangible collection topic elaborations cross-tabulated by depository type and library size.

Large Regional Libraries elaborated the most on the tangible collection topic concerning Collection Management, while the one Medium Regional elaborated the most on the topic concerning Positive Value.

Large, Medium, and Small Selective Libraries elaborated the most on the tangible collection topic concerning Positive Value.

Figure 24: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations by Depository Type and Library Size

Depository Type	Library Size	Collection Management		Library Operation Issues		Negative Value		Positive Value		Usage Issues		Total Freq	Total %
		Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Regional	**Large**	9	45%	4	20%	0	0%	4	20%	3	15%	20	100%
	Medium	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
Regional Total		**9**	**43%**	**4**	**19%**	**0**	**0%**	**5**	**24%**	**3**	**14%**	**21**	**100%**
Selective	**Large**	23	28%	10	12%	7	9%	32	39%	10	12%	82	100%
	Medium	20	23%	16	18%	8	9%	32	37%	11	13%	87	100%
	Small	7	21%	6	18%	6	18%	10	30%	4	12%	33	100%
Selective Total		**50**	**25%**	**32**	**16%**	**21**	**10%**	**74**	**37%**	**25**	**12%**	**202**	**100%**
Grand Total		**59**	**26%**	**36**	**16%**	**21**	**9%**	**79**	**35%**	**28**	**13%**	**223**	**100%**

Figure 25: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations for Regional Libraries by Library Size

Collection Management — Large: 45%, Medium: 0%
Library Operation Issues — Large: 20%, Medium: 0%
Negative Value — Large: 0%, Medium: 0%
Positive Value — Large: 20%, Medium: 100%
Usage Issues — Large: 15%, Medium: 0%

Legend: **Large** **Medium (1 respondent)**
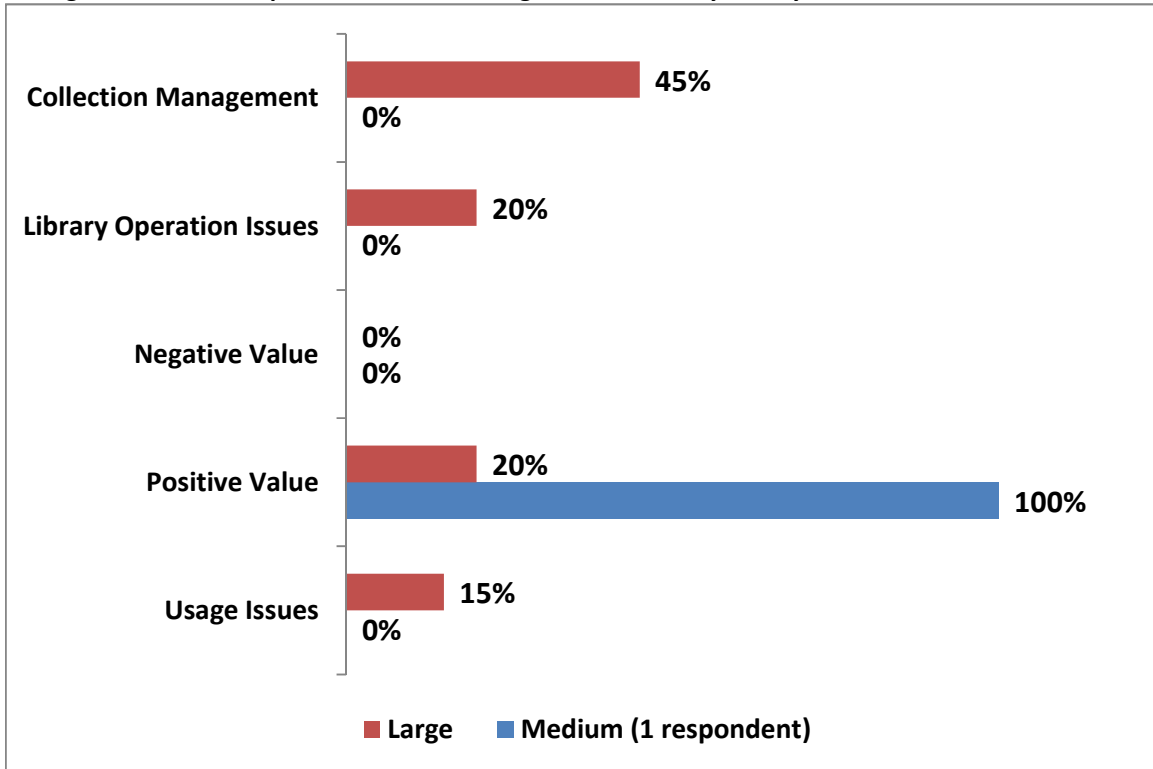
Figure 26: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations for Selective Libraries by Library Size

Collection Management — Large: 28%, Medium: 23%, Small: 21%
Library Operation Issues — Large: 12%, Medium: 18%, Small: 18%
Negative Value — Large: 9%, Medium: 9%, Small: 18%
Positive Value — Large: 39%, Medium: 37%, Small: 30%
Usage Issues — Large: 12%, Medium: 13%, Small: 12%

Legend: **Large** **Medium** **Small**
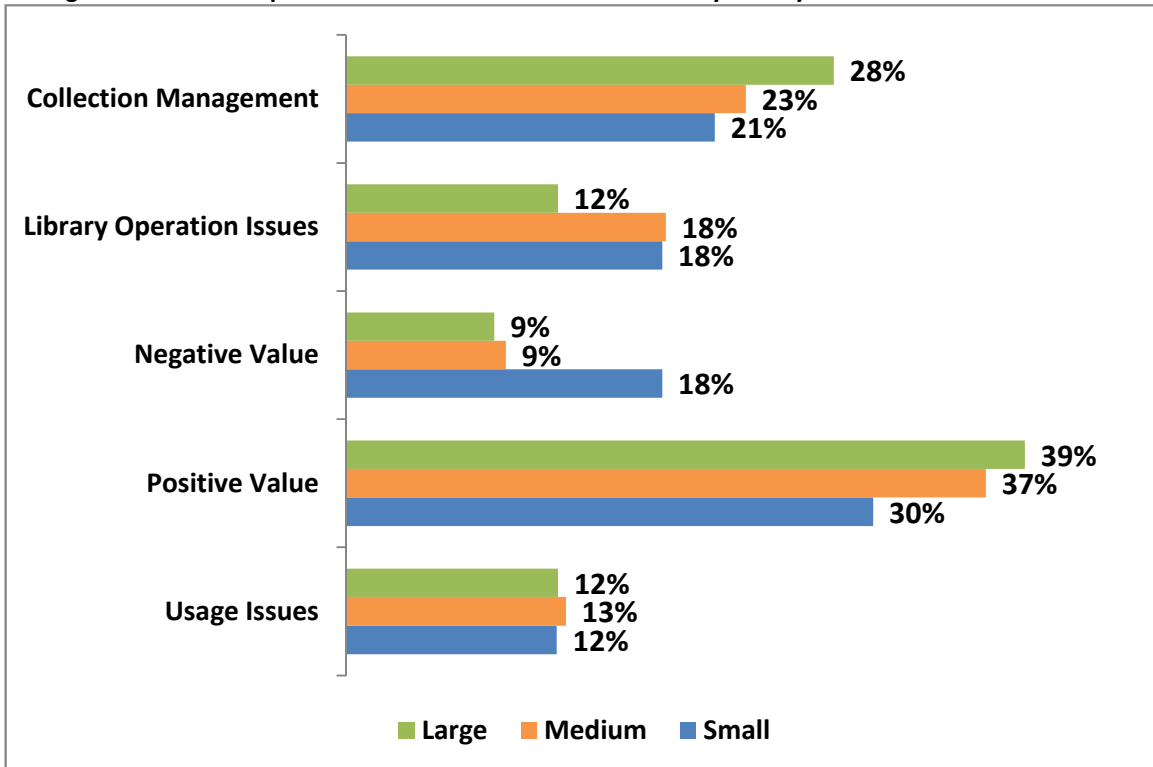
Figures 27, 28, and 29 illustrate tangible collection topic elaborations cross-tabulated by depository type and library type.

Both Regional Academic General Libraries and Regional State Libraries elaborated the most on the tangible collection topic of Collection Management.

For Selective Libraries:
- Academic General Libraries; Academic, Law Libraries; Highest State Court Libraries; and Public Libraries elaborated the most on the tangible collection topic of Positive Value.
- Academic, Community College Libraries elaborated the most on the tangible collection topic of Negative Value.
- Federal Agency Libraries equally elaborated the most on the topics of Collection Management, Negative Value, and Positive Value.
- Service Academies elaborated equally on the topics of Library Operation Issues and Positive Value.
- State Libraries elaborated equally on the topics of Collection Management and Positive Value.

Figure 27: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations by Depository Type and Library Type

Depository Type	Library Type	Collection Management		Library Operation Issues		Negative Value		Positive Value		Usage Issues		Total Freq	Total %
		Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Regional	Academic General	7	44%	3	19%	0	0%	4	25%	2	13%	16	100%
	State Library	2	40%	1	20%	0	0%	1	20%	1	20%	5	100%
Regional Total		9	43%	4	19%	0	0%	5	24%	3	14%	21	100%
Selective	Academic General	35	26%	25	19%	12	9%	44	33%	17	13%	133	100%
	Academic, Community College	3	20%	3	20%	4	27%	3	20%	2	13%	15	100%
	Academic, Law Library	3	17%	1	6%	1	6%	12	67%	1	6%	18	100%
	Federal Agency Library	1	33%	0	0%	1	33%	1	33%	0	0%	3	100%
	Highest State Court Library	1	20%	1	20%	1	20%	2	40%	0	0%	5	100%
	Public Library	5	24%	1	5%	2	10%	9	43%	4	19%	21	100%
	Service Academy	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	2	100%
	State Library	2	40%	0	0%	0	0%	2	40%	1	20%	5	100%
Selective Total		50	25%	32	16%	21	10%	74	37%	25	12%	202	100%
Grand Total		59	26%	36	16%	21	9%	79	35%	28	13%	223	100%

Figure 28: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations for Regional Libraries by Library Type
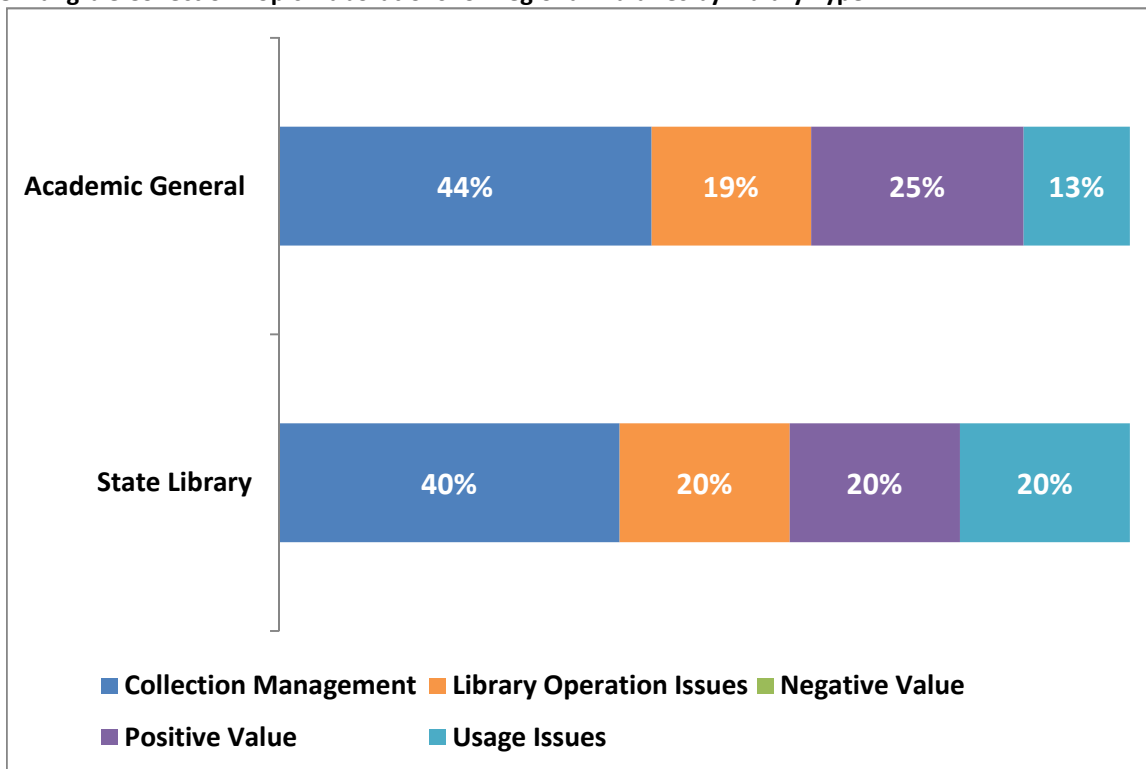

Figure 29: Tangible Collection Topic Elaborations for Selective Libraries by Library Type