

## Survey Results

**Total Subjects Surveyed:** **71**

**Positions:**

Research Librarian/Professor:	5
Associate Research Librarian/Professor:	33
Librarian:	15
Director:	1
Sponsoring Business:	1
中职:	3
初职:	3
Lecturer:	1
Assistant Librarian:	1
None:	7

**Years at Job:**

1-5:	5
6-10:	14
10-15:	3
16-20:	15
21 and more:	32
None:	2

**Rating:**

	5	4	3	2	1	0
<b>Informative</b>	47	23	1			
<b>Relevant to Job</b>	36	31	3	1		
<b>Comprehensible</b>	23	40	4			
<b>Interesting</b>	25	33	13			
<b>Legible</b>	32	35	4			
<b>Well-paced</b>	31	33	4			
<b>Right length</b>	46	22	3			
<b>Interactive</b>	27	32	8	2	2	

<b>Applicable</b>	23	34	13	1		
<b>General Impression</b>	35	34	2			

**1. Agree to continue the forum and recommend it to colleagues: 71**  
**Don't agree to continue the forum and won't recommend it to others: 0**

**2. Comment on this forum (Open-ended questions I)**

1. Hope that American delegates can provide articles instead of PPT only
2. Charges for lodging should be flexible
3. Should distribute printouts of the experts' speeches
4. A lot to cover in a short time; it's a bit tiring
5. Hope to have another chance to hear the experts speak
6. Hope to see the experts' speeches published on the web so that library staff born in the 80's and 70's with advanced degrees will have a chance to learn from them
7. Hope that the speeches will be printed out and distributed. Learned a lot. Thanks!
8. The forum promoted inter-library exchanges and kept us abreast of the newest trend. It will have positive impact on China's librarianship. Hope that the forum will have topical discussions to get better results
9. This forum was better organized than previous ones
10. Good organization! Positive impact. Hope to see more new concepts presented in the future
11. Suggest that the forum adjourn for a year
12. Satisfied
13. Rich content; good organization. Learned a lot, but a bit too tired. Suggest that content can be cut down a bit
14. Suggest that the speeches of the librarians from U.S. be mailed to us or published on the web site of the Yunnan University of Technology
15. There should be better time management so that more librarians can have a chance to speak
16. We find there were no activities in the evening; please find ways to promote exchanges among different libraries
17. Successful forum with rich content. It is highly academic!
18. Excellent! Continue the program in the future. However, there was not enough time for questions and answers; Hope to have the recording of the presentations published on the web so that those who were absent from the forum can hear them and that the impact of the forum be felt more widely
19. Satisfied
20. Fee is too high; better service could have been provided
21. More time was need for the forum so that topical discussions could be carried on in different sessions. Need more time for exchanges
22. Very good!
23. The forum could be better if handouts of speeches be distributed before hand

24. The forum is of a high level, representative that of the academic discussions going on at home and abroad
25. The projector's light was too strong so that people at the back had difficulty viewing the screen; everything else was fine!
26. Very successful forum! Speakers are all well-known, capable of representing the best in their fields
27. Not enough time for interaction; felt that we did not have enough time to discuss a topic in depth. Looking forward to see the publication of the proceedings
28. Very good!
29. Satisfied. Eye-opening. We learned from one another and got to know one another better
30. Great organization. The speeches given by the experts are of practical significance
31. Suggest that speakers from the Chinese side be more practical and applicable
32. Successful organization. Excellent speeches from the experts. But time was a bit too short so that they could not bring their discussion to a full swing. There was some overlapping among a few speeches
33. The directory of the attendees was distributed a bit too late. There was too little time for individual interaction
34. Significant forum. Learned a lot of new knowledge. Eye-opening
35. Should have created the presentations in a standard format and distribute them in flash cards/memories
36. Increase the time for interaction; set higher standard for foreign speakers. Generally, domestic speakers did a better job
37. Should have made the decision of having the forum and announcing it earlier. There should be a limit on the number of articles to be published, say two from each institution; should have more time for entertainment in the evening
38. Suggest that the fees be reduced a bit so that more librarians can participate
39. There are some mistakes in the directory. Hope we can get the articles via our e-mail
40. This forum is a great success. Very academic. Learned a lot from it.
41. Lack of interlibrary interactions. Hope to increase the interactive activities
42. Please provide printouts of the PPT; attendees came from limited areas, so we hope to have people from more diversified backgrounds; discussions on prospective topics are fine, but we'd like to see more practical and operable topics that invite more questions. For all the hard work that the staff of Kunming University Technology Library did, they still didn't do enough to get attendees more informed before they came to the forum. They would like to know their counterparts so they can establish exchange relations with them
43. A great number of articles were invited for the forum, but only the keynote speakers were given a chance to speak while the others were let alone. There should have been more speakers to share their articles

### **3. Suggestions for future activities (Open-ended questions II)**

1. Should have time for topical discussions in different sessions
2. Hold the forum every other year

3. Hope to hear a talk on employee training; policies and strategies for such trainings adopted in American libraries
4. Increase time for people to get acquainted with one another; print and distribute experts' speeches; get support from more sources, such as Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Finance, and sources from abroad to maximize the impact of the forum
5. If smaller topical forums are added to the general forum, it would be more helpful in guiding the work of libraries
6. Like to see more international exchange programs like this
7. Suggest that international exchanges be organized
8. Suggest that people involved in the exchanges come from more diversified backgrounds
9. Topics should be focused, with speakers from home and abroad studying the same topics; topics can be "trends of macro-development both in China and America," "new technologies and services," talks on specific operations, and case studies. Speakers should know his or her topics well. For instance, Google should be discussed by American librarians, not Chinese. In a word, find the right topics, get the good content, invite the right people, and the forum will surely be a success!
10. Suggest that the speeches of the librarians from U.S. be translated into Chinese and distributed to attendees of the forum before hand
11. Hope to continue the Sino-American practical forum
12. Promote the interactive exchanges of information and increase our friendship
13. Hope to continue the forum with participation from people of more diversified backgrounds
14. Not enough publicity; there should have been podcasts and blogs of the forum. Some provinces and cities don't have their representative at the forum. Free internet connection should be provided at the hotel
15. There should be handouts from the speakers. Hope to have the same meeting environment as this
16. There should be some parties so that people can communicate with one another
17. Hope to see more interactions during the forum
18. If attendees could have gotten the handouts from the speakers before hand, they could have formulated more questions
19. Hope the forms of the forum will be diversified
20. Hope to have some time for discussions, better by different topics in separate sessions
21. Should have more time for entertainment so librarians from different libraries could have a chance to get acquainted and communicate with one another
22. Hope that experts come not only from university libraries, but also from special libraries such as medical; hope to have the handouts of their speeches ahead of time
23. Hope to have more time for interaction and have topical discussions in separate sessions so that the discussions can go deeper. Through the conflict of different views, we can get more information think deeper, and we'll be better benefited from the forum
24. There should be more interactions
25. Hold more forums like this
26. Have more topical discussions in separate sessions
27. Get speakers from more diversified backgrounds; Get better speeches pertaining librarianship

28. Increase the number of Chinese American librarians so that we can have smoother communications and get more information about new concepts in foreign countries
29. More new experts at each forum; better no repeats; invite more influential speakers from abroad
30. Hope that Yunnan Library Commission continue to hold activities such as this; Hope to have speeches that are in keeping with the time, more professional, and of higher academic level
31. Hold a forum every 2 to 3 years
32. Should be more people-oriented, more comprehensive, and more academic. Hope to collaborate with other professions, such as business management, instead of businesses bent on advertising
33. Exchanges at meetings are important indeed, but we also need interactions among individuals after meetings
34. Continue the exchange program, broaden areas of exchanges, hold more multi-national library forums
35. We may want to expand the forum beyond Southwest China to increase its influence; processing and preservation of the presentations and articles for the forum (digitization, proceedings?); get feedback from the attendees; establish a stable system and culture so that the forum can have a sustainable future
36. There should be a time limit for each speaker, say, no more than 20-30 minutes. The forum should not exceed two days. Otherwise the quality of the forum would be affected. Speeches should be in print and be distributed