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Trends and Priorities in Canadian Research Libraries: Results of a CARL-OCLC Survey

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**CARL
ABRC**

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES
ASSOCIATION DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES DE RECHERCHE DU CANADA

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of Canada's largest university libraries and

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Federal libraries



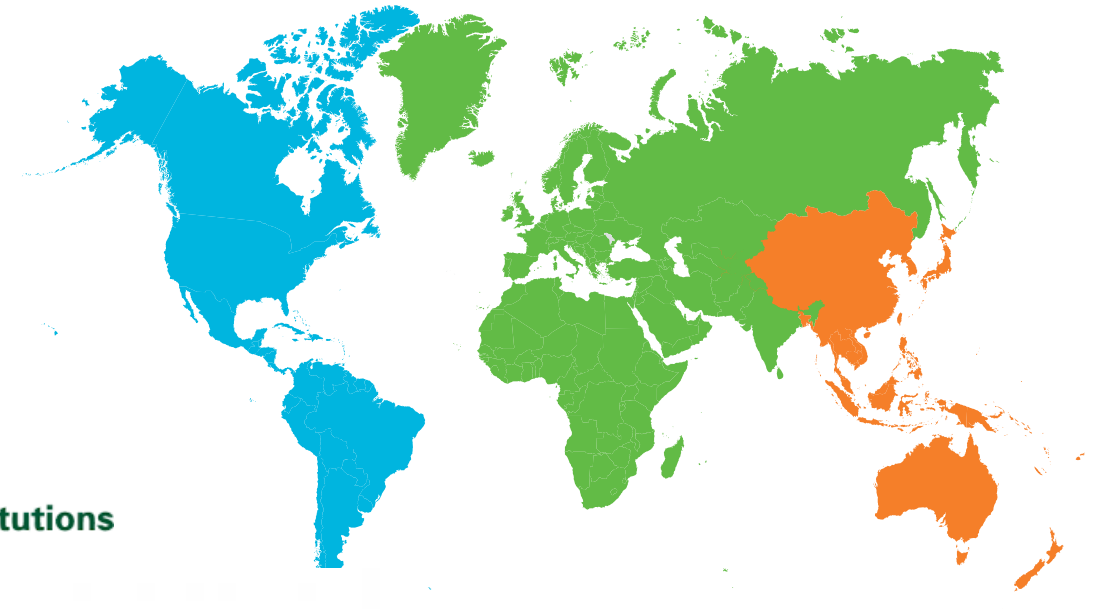
A Strong Global Perspective

ASSOCIATION
OF RESEARCH
LIBRARIES

RLUK
Research Libraries UK



International
Federation of
Library
Associations and Institutions



Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche
Association of European Research Libraries

CAUL
COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS

Our 4 Strategic Directions

- Advance research
- Strengthen capacity
- Measure impact
- Influence public policy



Douglas Library, Queens University

Our 2018 Strategic Planning Toolkit

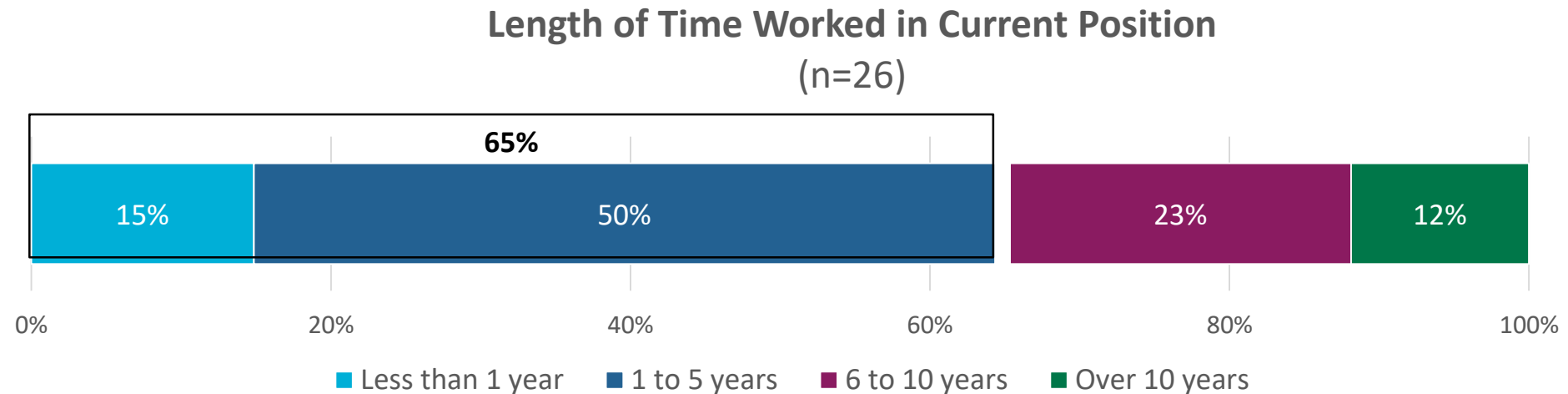
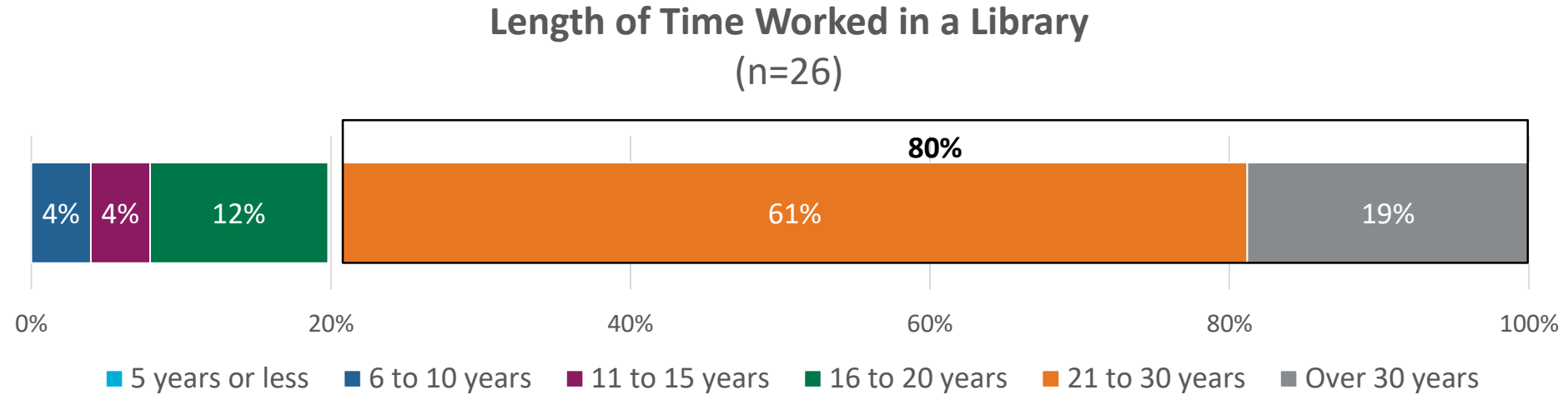
- Environmental scan
- Online survey
- Member interviews
- Workshop
- **Review of preliminary data from the CARL-OCLC Trends and Priorities Survey**



York University Learning Commons

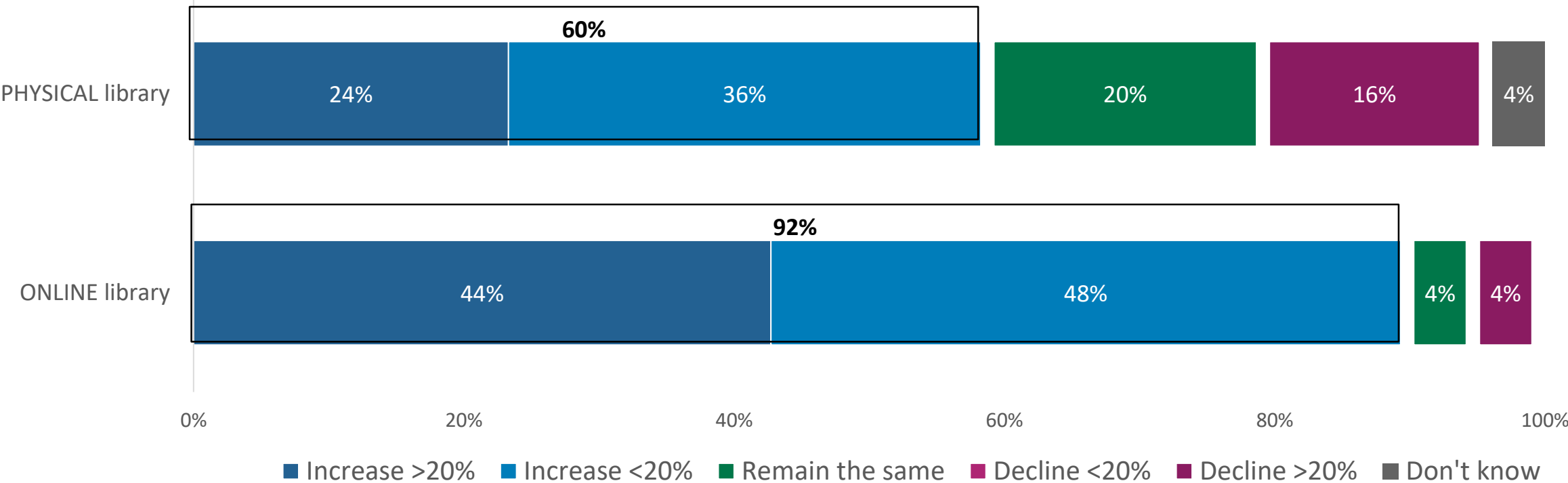
26 library directors took the survey in Canada

80% have been in profession for 20+ years; 65% in their current position for 5 years or less



Majority (60%) expect use of physical library to increase over next 5 years; 92% expect online use to increase

Expected Change in Unique Visitors to PHYSICAL and ONLINE Library – 2018-2023 (n=25)

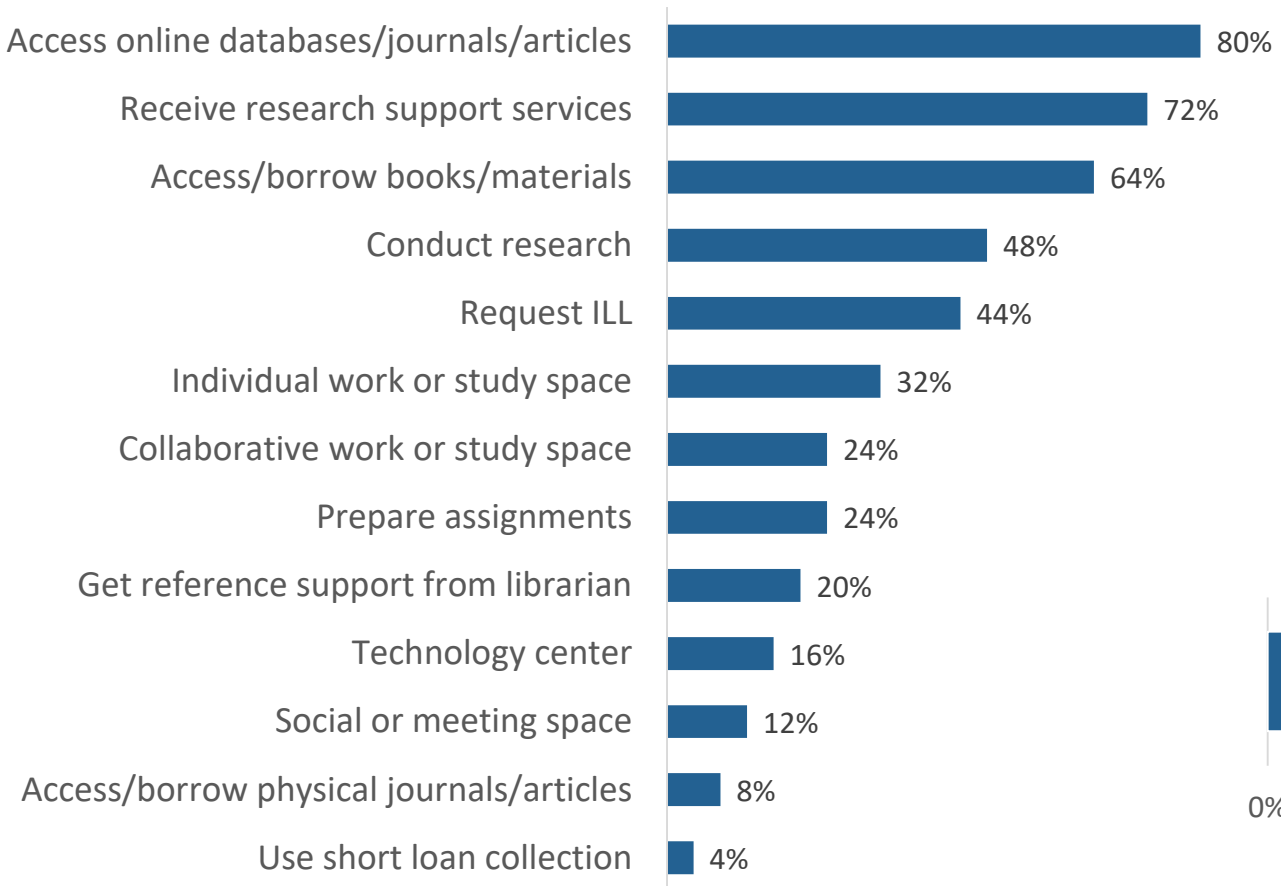


Accessing online resources, receiving research support and borrowing materials:

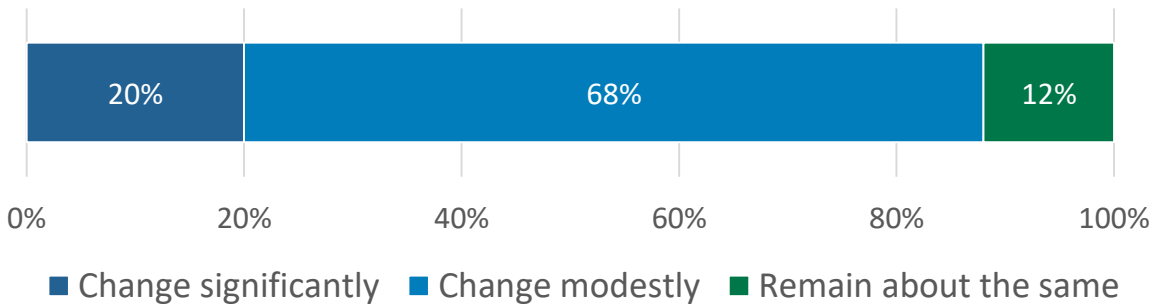
Main reasons faculty/staff use the library today, according to nearly two-thirds or more respondents

Main Reason Faculty/Staff Use the Library Today (n=25)

Respondents could select no more than 5 options

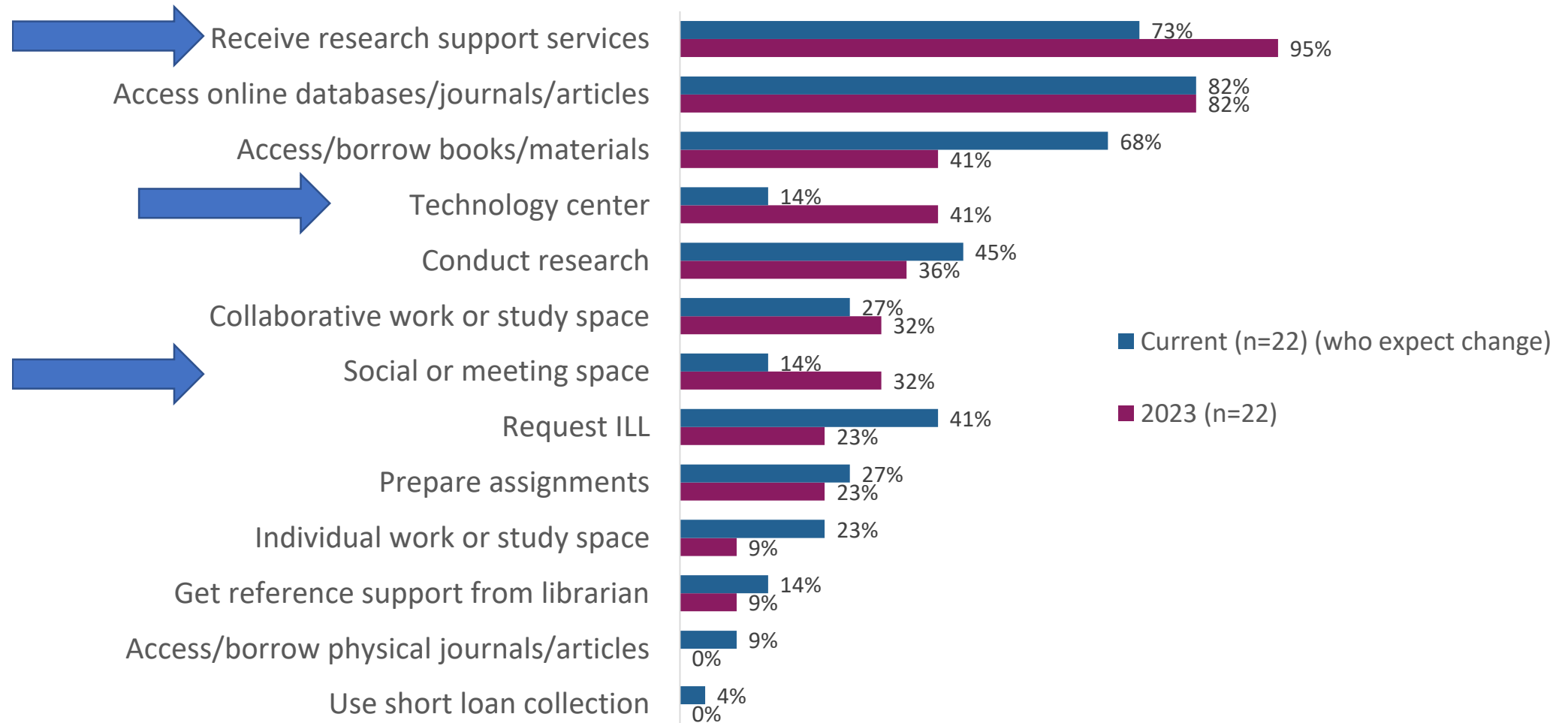


How Faculty/Staff Use Is Expected to Change in 5 Years (n=25)



Respondents expect growth in receiving research support services and using the library as a technology center among faculty.

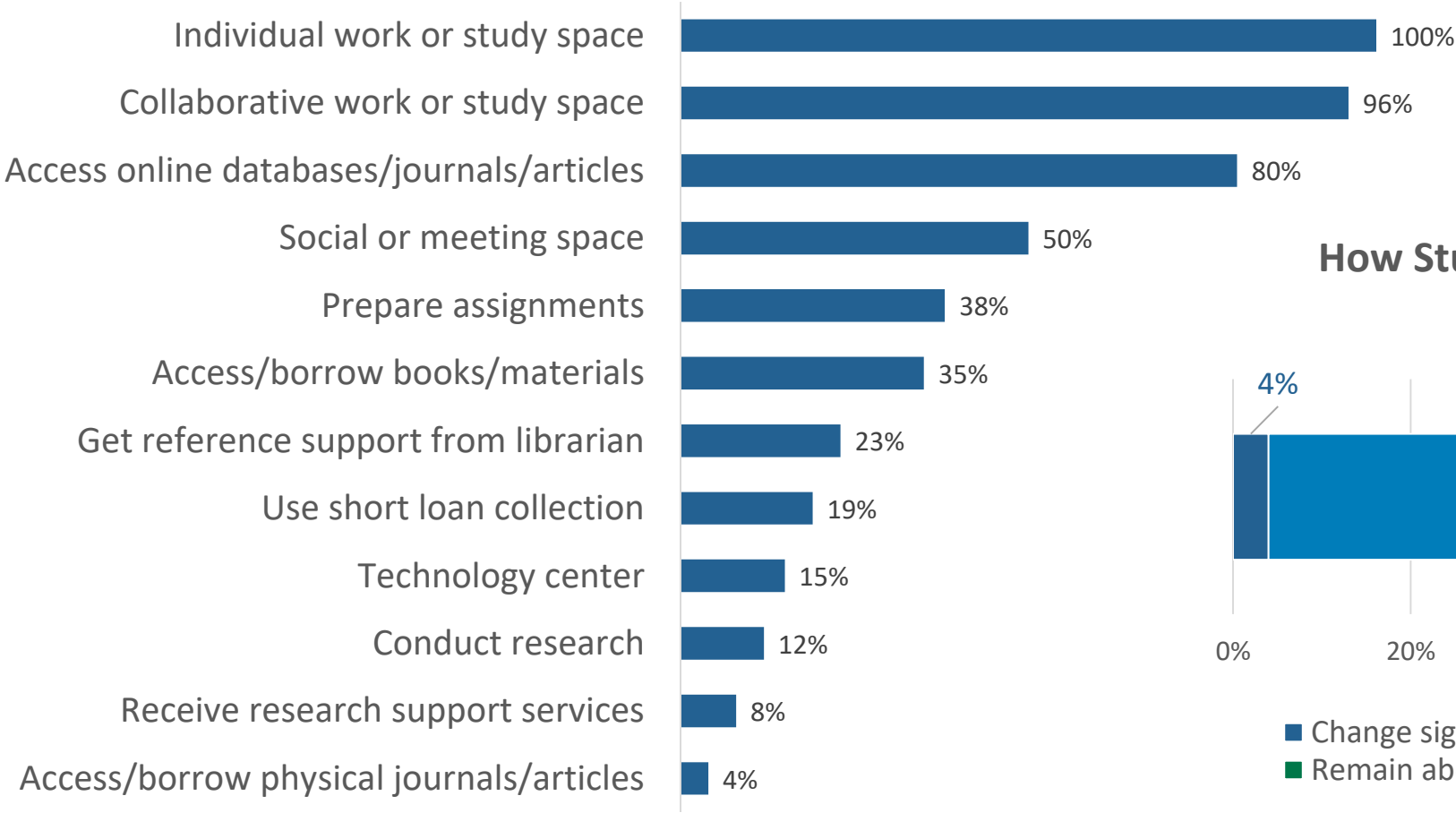
Main Reason Faculty/Staff Use the Library Today vs. 2023
Respondents were instructed to select no more than 5 options



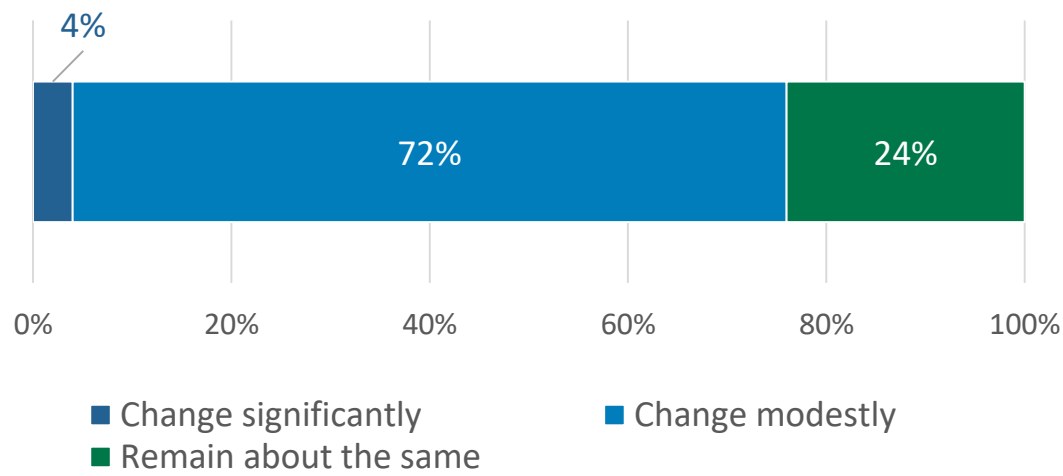
Using the library for individual or group work/study space and accessing online resources: Main reasons students use the library today, say 80%+ respondents

Main Reason Students Use the Library Today (n=25)

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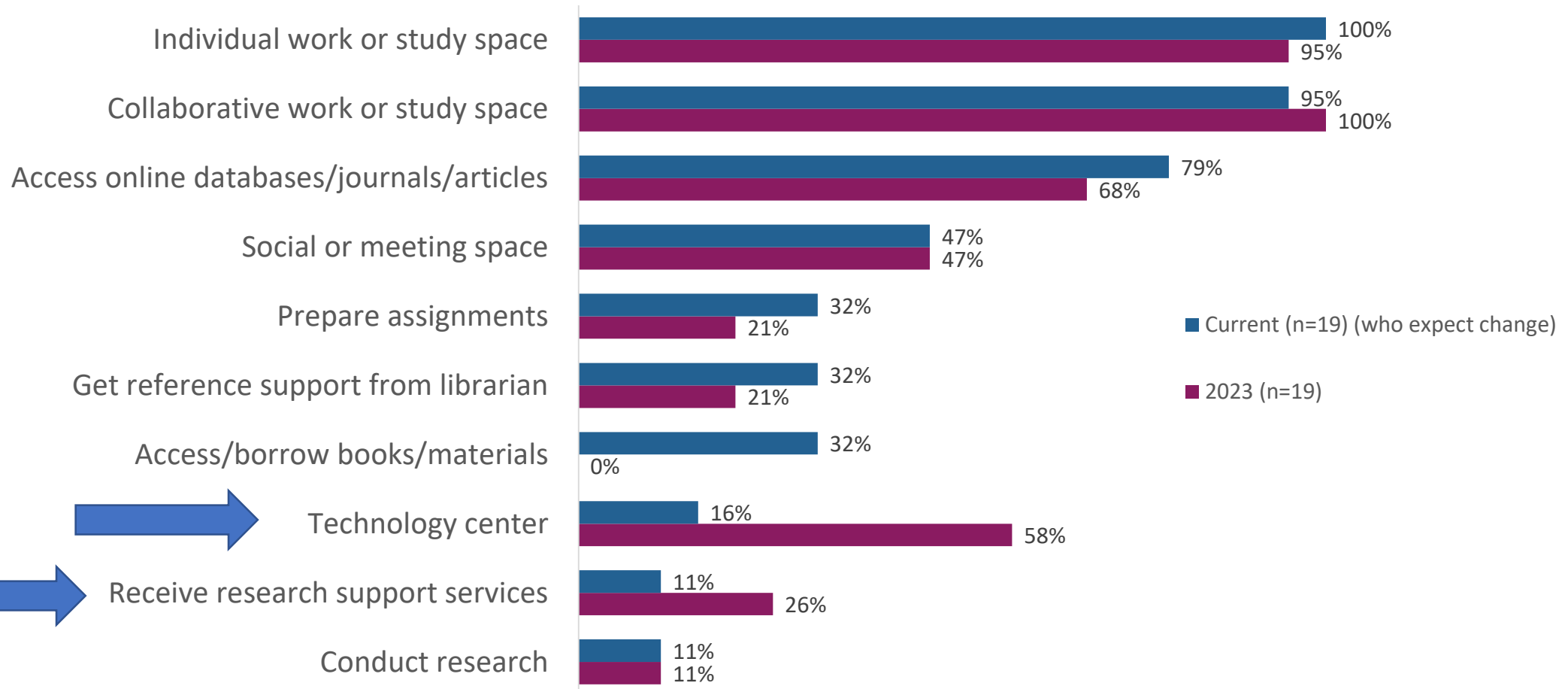
How Student Use Is Expected to Change in 5 Years (n=25)



While only 16% believe using the library as a technology center is a main reason students use the library today, more than half (58%) of respondents believe this will be true in 5 years

Main Reason Students Use the Library Today vs. 2023

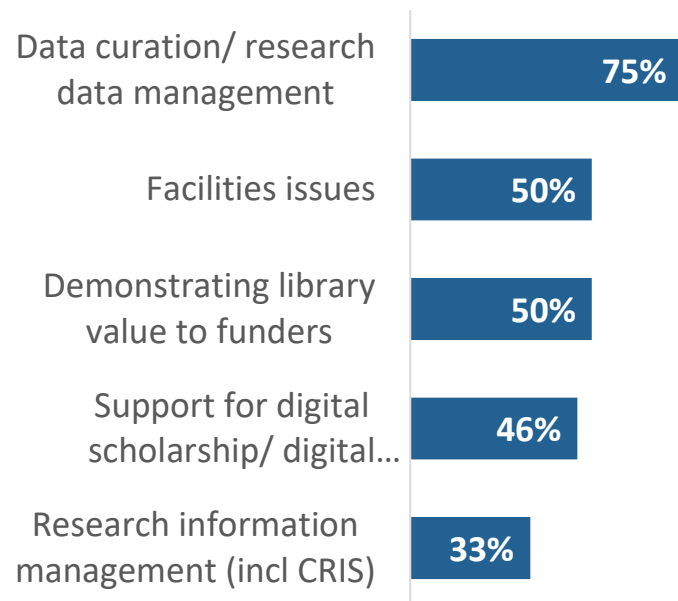
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What were the top priorities for CARL Directors in 2018?

Top priorities for 2018

Top 5 Priorities – 2018 Ranked in Top 5 (n=24)



Facilities

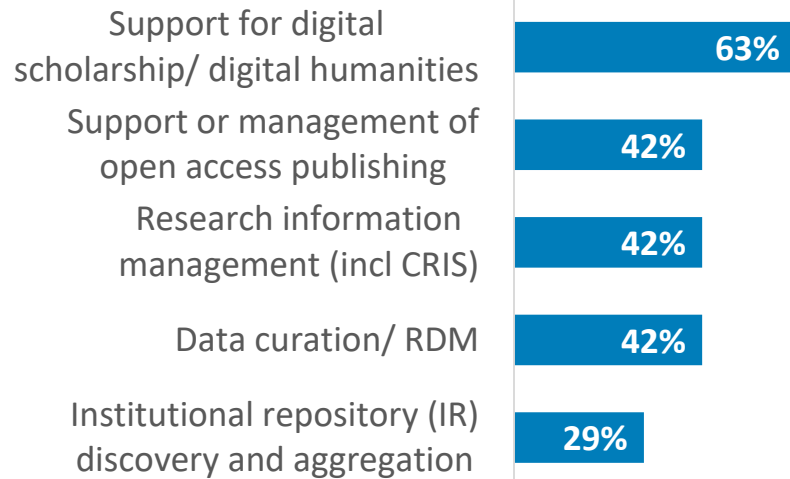


**Demonstrating
Value to Funders**

What issues were envisioned as the most challenging and ripe for innovation?

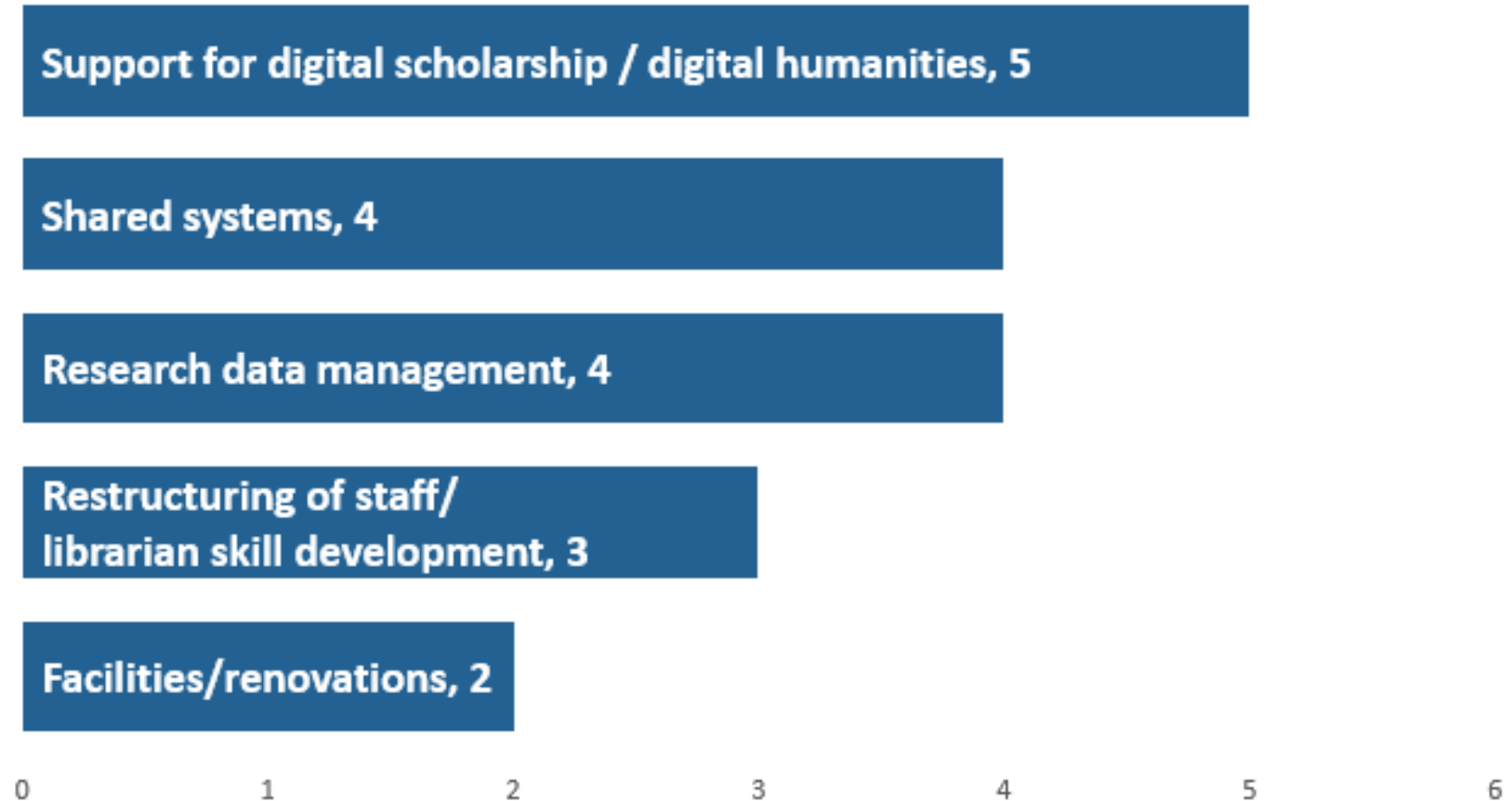
Most Challenging / Ripe for Innovation

Top 5 Priorities – Most Challenging/Ripe for Innovation Ranked in Top 5 (n=24)



Digital scholarship/humanities and research data management: Most-mentioned significant initiatives for next two years

What is the most significant initiative or service your library will focus on in the next two years? (n=19)



COMPARISONS WITH AUSTRALIA AND UK

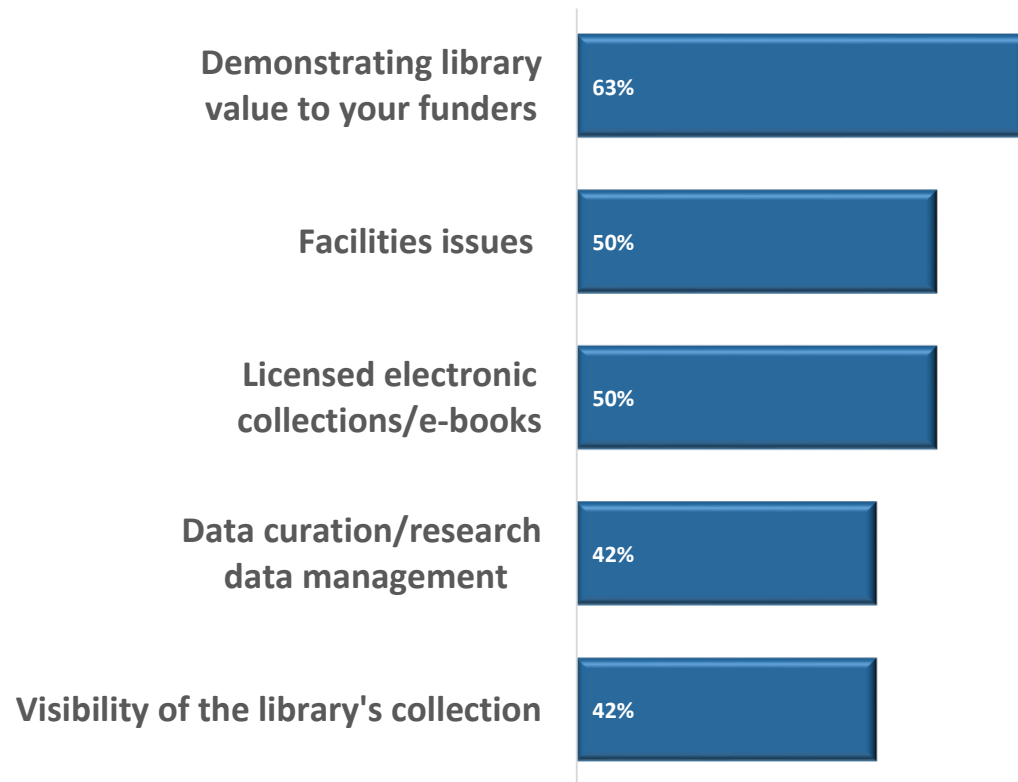
ANZ Top priorities Demonstrating value, facilities, e-resources

Demonstrating value, digital scholarship: Most challenging/ripe for innovation

ANZ Top 5 Priorities - 2018

Ranked in Top 5

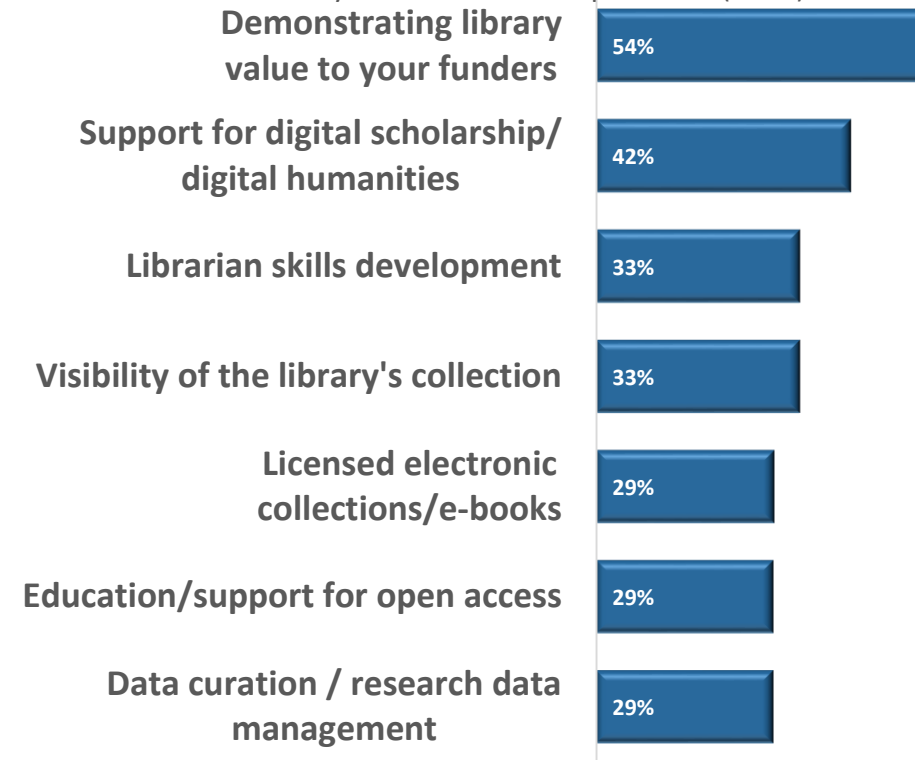
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ANZ Top 5 Priorities - Most Challenging/Ripe for Innovation

Ranked in Top 5

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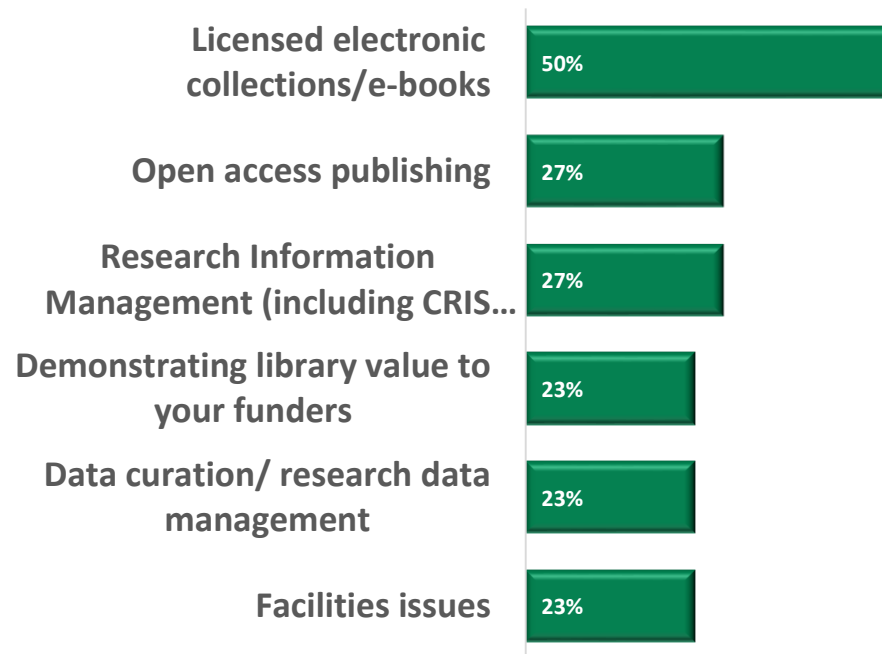


UK Top priorities, e-resources, open access publishing, RIM

RDM, digital scholarship, most challenging/ripe for innovation

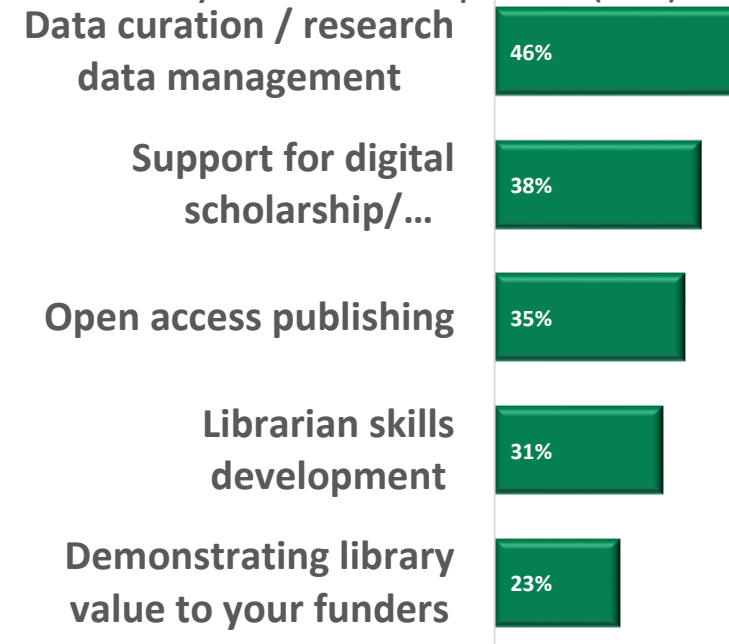
UK Top 3 Priorities - 2018

Ranked in Top 3
by at least 20% of respondents (n=26)



UK Top 3 Priorities - Most Challenging/Ripe for Innovation

Ranked in Top 3
by at least 20% of respondents (n=26)



Shared Priorities, 2018 (CARL, CAUL & UK)



Data Curation /
Research Data
Management



Demonstrating
Value to Funders

Shared: Challenging / Ripe for Innovation (CARL, CAUL & UK)



Support for Digital
Humanities / Digital
Scholarship

Carleton.ca



Data Curation /
Research Data Management

Putting the pieces together

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