

Section One Appendix A

Library-science programs Offering Fully Web-based Courses

Eight graduate library-science programs accredited by the American Library Association offered fully Web-based courses for the Fall 1999 semester. The following is an overview of the programs' online graduate studies opportunities.

- University of Arizona

School of Information Resources and Library Science

<http://www.sir.arizona.edu/viropps/>

Number of online courses

Four of the program's 26 Fall 1999 courses were offered online. Three of the program's 22 Spring 2000 courses are listed as online.

On campus requirements

The degree program requires at least 12 semester hours on campus.

Course delivery

The course work is distributed over the Internet and utilizes a combination of tools including World-Wide Web, e-mail, conferencing network, newsgroups, Internet Relay Chat and other environments. The class discussions are via WebCT.

- Florida State

School of Information Studies

<http://www.fsu.edu/~lis/courses/distspec.html>

Number of online courses

21 of the program's 45 Fall 1999 courses were offered online. 23 of the program's 44 Spring 2000 courses are listed as online.

On campus requirements

All new graduate students are required to attend a three-day orientation session on campus before beginning course work. The rest of the degree program is fully available online.

Course delivery

The course work is presented using Web sites and asynchronous discussion group software. The program plans to introduce ichat for synchronous discussion in the near future.

- University of South Florida

School of Library and Information Science

<http://www.outreach.usf.edu/lis/>

Number of online courses

Four of the program's 19 distance courses listed for Fall 1999 were offered online. No information was available for future semesters.

On campus requirements

All required courses for the degree are not available online. Online coursework for degree seeking distance students will be in addition to site based classes located throughout the state.

Course delivery

The program uses WebCT and CourseInfo Web packages to enable instructors to design a comprehensive instructional delivery model using the Internet.

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Library Education Experimental Program (LEEP3)
<http://alexia.lis.uiuc.edu/gslis/leep3/index.html#head>

Number of courses online

Information regarding distance-education courses is password protected.

On campus requirements

Students begin the program with a 12-day on-campus summer stay, during which they complete the half-unit required course "LIS 390: Libraries, Information, and Society" and a number of non-credit technology workshops. Thereafter, each course includes one brief on-campus session (grouped together once each semester), which provides opportunities to use materials otherwise unavailable, to give presentations, and to continue to build community among students. Live sessions with the dean are scheduled once each semester to discuss student experiences.

Course delivery

Courses may have up to two hours per week of "live" Internet interaction at a regularly scheduled time; additional communication and course work is accomplished at times convenient to the student. In addition to instructor-authored Web pages, students use textbooks, course packs, and materials available at libraries near their homes or obtained with assistance from the Academic Outreach Library. In many cases, live session lectures are recorded and made available via RealAudio from the LEEP3 Web pages. The program uses CourseInfo 3.06 and WebCT 1.3.1 for course delivery.

- Emporia State
School of Library and Information Management
<http://slim.emporia.edu/program/distance/distance.htm>

Number of online courses

Six of the program's 43 Fall 1999 courses were offered online. Information on future semesters was not available.

On campus requirements

An increasing number of the program's classes are offered over the Internet, but for the most part the distance-education degree program is classroom based.

Course delivery

Communication between faculty, students and classmates is enhanced through dedicated e-mail listservs and collaborative learning is encouraged through web page publishing. The program is experimenting with Internet video conferencing software in hopes to include students from remote locations as part of the classroom experience in Emporia or any other distance-education locations.

- University of Missouri-Columbia
School of Information Science and Information Technologies
<http://www.coe.missouri.edu/~sislt/programs/ma.html>

Number of online courses

Six of the program's 40 Fall 1999 courses were offered online. The same amount of online courses will be offered in the Spring 2000 semester.

On campus requirement

Four of the degree program's required courses are not offered on the Internet. The program suggests that students should expect to spend at least one full semester on campus.

Course delivery

Course guidelines and materials are presented over the Web. Some courses use a communications software package called FirstClass, which is included in the cost of the course.

- Syracuse University

School of Information Studies

<http://istweb.syr.edu/academic/distance/>

Number of online courses

13 courses are offered each semester in the online degree program.

On campus requirement

The distance learning program begins with a one-week campus summer session, including an orientation/advising session in early- to mid-July, and two required introductory courses. Students take one or two additional core courses each semester over the next two academic years. Each core course entails a three- to five-day campus session, with the remaining work completed via the Internet. Electives are completed by selecting from one-week summer courses offered by the school's Summer Institute on Leadership and Change in an Information Society or from courses offered completely via the Internet. The internship requirement is completed at a library or information center close to the student's home.

Course delivery

Most courses have a web site that includes the syllabus, assignments and a forum for class discussion. Students are not required to be on-line at a specific time. Students log on and complete their assignments when it is convenient for them, so long as they meet deadlines. Some courses do offer a real-time chat option that students often use for group work. The real-time chats are not required, but are simply provided as an option for students who want to use them. The program uses WebCT for its online course delivery.

- State University of New York at Buffalo

Department of Library and Information Studies

<http://www.sils.buffalo.edu/distancepage.htm>

<http://www.sils.buffalo.edu/faculty/ellison/distance.html>

Number of online courses

The program offers six courses on the Internet usually 2-3 in the fall and in the spring and at least one during the summer.

On campus requirement

The program requires nine credit hours on campus and suggests that students fulfill this requirement during two summer sessions in either one or two summers.

Course delivery

Usually the course is active online for three days a week for the purpose of exchanging and sharing information on the class WebBulletinBoard (WBB). Tuesday - Thursday are usually the active days. This means students should be available a minimum of one hour sometime during each of these days to work on the WBB.

Students will receive all information and lecture notes over a class WebPage and WebBulletinBoard, and from textbook readings, articles, monitoring appropriate listservs on the Internet, e-mail messages, searching and reading WebPages, and some mediated materials created specifically for the course.

Typical technology requirements

Most of the programs described above require students taking online courses to have the following basic computer technology:

Each student will need access to:

1. at least a '486 based PC or equivalent MacIntosh - Pentium is recommended
2. high-speed modem (at least 28,800 baud rate)
3. Direct access to the Internet via SLIP/PPP access, or direct access via ethernet or other network connection
4. graphical WWW browser such as Mosaic, Netscape or Microsoft Explorer. Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator. Versions 3.0 or higher.

Section One Appendix B

GSLIS Distance-Education Survey

This survey is part of a study to determine the demand and demographics for distance-education efforts at UT. Your response to this survey will be anonymous; filling this out does not in any way commit you to anything and will not result in your being contacted by sales staff of any kind. Thank you for your time.

1. The MLS degree (Master of Library Science) is presently the standard requisite for obtaining most professional jobs in libraries, archives, and other information agencies in the private or public sector. How likely is it that you might pursue coursework in this area (including continuing education classes for people who already have MLS degrees)?

If you answered highly unlikely, thank you for your time; you need not submit this survey. Otherwise, proceed to question 2.

2. Indicate those factors that are presently preventing you from pursuing coursework in this area (check all that apply):

- 0=lack of time
- 1=lack of money
- 2=pursuing another degree
- 3=family obligations
- 4=living too far away
- 5=lack of interest
- 6=scheduling conflicts
- 7=graduate school admissions requirements
- 8=other

3. Given that the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Texas at Austin has been rated as one of the top 10 schools in the country for pursuing an MLS degree or related courses for continuing education, how likely is it that you would apply to attend this program, requiring a stay of at least one year in Austin, Texas?

4. If this same coursework were available via web-based distance-education classes, so that you could take the same classes without relocating to Austin at approximately the same price as taking classes in Austin, how likely would you be to pursue this option?

5. If you had reservations about answering question #4 without knowing more about the details of the distance-education option, please list those facts that you feel would be crucial to your decision to take distance-education classes.

6. Would you be interested in taking a library or information science distance education course through the Extension Division of The University of Texas at Austin? (Extension courses do not have admission requirements and may offer conditional course credit towards a degree.)

The following questions will be used to determine demographics of the prospective pool of applicants. If you feel uncomfortable answering any of these questions, feel free to skip them.

7. What is your present employment?

8. Please indicate which condition best describes you:

9. What is the highest degree you've obtained to date?

10. Please indicate your age:

11. Please indicate your sex:

12. Please indicate your ethnicity:

13. If you'd like to share your thoughts regarding distance education or this survey, please do so here.

Section One Appendix C

Responses to the two open ended questions from the Marketing Survey (see 1.8.2). In general, the answer to the “what facts would you have to consider in signing up for a distance-education program” question is given immediately after the IP address, while the response to the invitation to add additional comments is given following a carriage return. Some responses to the second question included contact information. Due to the web publication of this document, this information has been deleted. The unedited document is available to authorized parties from Dr. Ronald Wyllys at the University of Texas Dept. of Library and Information Science.

xxx.xx.188.113 degree extra effort but well worth it.
I would love to take part in this program. You can put me on your list!

xx.xx.186.251 program offered jointly by TWU/UNT. I might be interested in further study after I receive my degree.

xxx.xx.6.48 financial considerations
terrific idea, it would make it easier for me to obtain my MLS

xxx.xx60.195 net access at home, only at work. Will not be able to have access at home for several years.
I currently believe that it is not nearly as good as being on site in a classroom with face-to-face access to instructors and needed materials.

xxx.xx8.206.16 possible for me to take course work.

xxx.xx.97.233 ment in Austin.
I got my degree in a year and a summer. I cost a bunch to have a family and go to school that far apart but there was no other way so a distance ed system would be a boon to the program since I know of others who would not or could not take the same sacrifices I did.

xxx.xx2.0.90 How good is a distance education degree

xxx.xx.163.58 equipment I would need to purchase in order to do the program

xxx.xx12.30 courses would need to be more advanced than MLS courses. Should also consider noncredit CE courses.
Likely to be significant interest in Web-based PhD program with minimal residence requirements among academic librarians.

xxx.xx.188.120 I would love distance education!
I have actually been looking for distance education in Library Science. One question, would I ever need to actually travel to The University of Texas Austin or is everything in way of computers, email, and/or correspondence.
I would be very interested if I didn't have to travel.

xxx.xx.20.146 No reservations.
I am highly motivated to obtain an MLIS, but I do live in New Mexico, and out-of-state tuition is a problem, as well as relocating, but I would consider attending in Austin during the summers.
I think this sounds like a great opportunity!! I would like to see it as an option for myself. I am reluctant to take the GRE, as I did not study math (algebra/geometry) and have looked at schools that do not require the exam. This is so exciting, and I have considered Austin as a possibility in the summers. The distance program would be so beneficial to me!! Thanks.

xxx.xx3.41.247 Worried about the GRE and being admitted more than worrying about relocating.

xxx.xx8.195.38 admission requirements

xx.xx.21.242 available, schedule load. currently taking distance MLS courses at FSU, but likely to change if better offer available.

I took "correspondence courses" 20 years ago---I'm ready!!

xxx.xx2.254.41 price vs. other universities that admitted me, financial aid

xxx.xx5.170.42 Accreditation Synergy of attending with others

xxx.xx.118.54 I live in New Mexico. NONE of the universities in this state offer a MLS. It's either AZ or TX. I would really be interested in this opportunity! If it goes through, please make an announcement in LM_NET.

xxx.xx0.62.163 Distance education is a great advantage for people living outside the US. But, the pricing strategy is another key factor to be considered. If it is going to be "at approximately the same price as taking classes in Austin" it may affect the participation I guess.

xxx.xx.60.72 Our technology standard maybe little behind compare to USA. It may slow some of the process involving the distance ed. but we're still working on improving it.

xxx.xx5.138.156 Asynchronosity is crucial.

xxx.xx.167.47 Actually, I am looking for continuing ed for myself and colleagues (all MLS). I would love to live in Austin for a year, but as I already have the degree, I would have a hard time convincing my manager of the idea's merit. :) What we need is a good dl program in our interest areas.

I did not answer 10-12 because I am responding for several people. We are a group of librarians, all women, one male technician, ages 30-69. We are all interested in dl. Hurry and get something ready to serve our needs. If you have a dl program already, please email me. The lib school at UTA was my first choice, Drexel was a more practical commute.

xxx.xx2.202.45 I would be interested in specialized courses, particularly automation, online applications in libraries, future trends to keep abreast of the changing technologies in our field. I would not be interested in a degree course - more continuing-education courses at the postgraduate level.

xxx.xx5.104.3

I have already returned a survey. I wanted to add, however, that I like the distance education classes as they are currently being taught. That is, in a classroom setting with the teacher on the television. I don't know whether a web-based program would improve over this present situation or not. I like the real-time interaction I have with the teacher and the fact that other students are right there in the class with me at the same time to interact with. I can ask them questions, I can tell by their physical reactions whether they are as confused by a particular topic as I am. I believe this present system is preferable to a web-based system, at least as I envision how a web-based system would be.

xxx.xx.141.10

I submitted the survey and thought of something else, so sorry this submission just has this comment! If the distance education goes ahead, it would be great if you would notify the same listservs as received the survey so that we'll know it's available. I hope it happens!

xxx.xx2.10.186 Availability of resources. Ability to take courses via Internet rather than attending classes on campus. Not knowing how the distance education classes work other than via the Internet--would you have satellite TV classes and how could I "attend" them if I was working when they came on? Could those classes be taped and sent to me so I could watch them on my VCR at my own convenience? How would I interface with my advisers? (Travel to Austin for that would be expensive/difficult.) It would seem that "distance learners" should pay less than students attending classes on campus because they wouldn't need

parking, access to facilities/gyms, etc. and all those other things you pay for when you attend on campus at the University itself. Best-case scenario: all coursework via Internet/mail, all contact with advisers via email/postal mail, all tests taken/sent in via Internet/mail, no travel for any reason, etc. Basically it becomes a correspondence course, I guess. As for question #6--I don't know enough about it to answer.

xx.xx.10.152 If there were some courses in Archives and/or Records Management that would fulfill the certificate requirements for the program I am attending now, and if those courses were not offered in my program for whatever reason (some courses are not offered every semester, you know!), then I would consider taking them elsewhere.

xxx.xx7.118.36 I would be interested in taking courses in archival methods and administration, as this nor offered at my school. I have taken DL courses on a graduate level: one was good, if not great; the other was a mess-- very elementary and simplistic; disorganized; plagued by technical problems. I resent the fact that I received 3 graduate level hours for taking the course! I am very concerned with the potential for "rubber stamping" MLIS students with credits they need but perhaps didn't earn. Generally, I would like to see SLIS's become more academically competitive and demanding, not less, and I am very wary of DL classes as a way to accomplish this.

xxx.xx.16.235 I need to keep my job. Distance education would be ideal for me. I live in a small west Texas town. I am recently taking courses at Regional Technical Training Center an extension of Midland College. It is very difficult for me to relocate, reason being that I need to keep my job as means of support.

xxx.xx7.95.38 1.accreditation of on-line courses, 2.supporting resources (databases, books journals)
3.student interaction
Most distance-education programs lack the necessary resources to be truly effective. For instance, how does one conduct research with limited access to a libs collection. This is a great problem for most programs I have seen.

xxx.xx4.67.115 My interest would depend on the classes offered. I'm not sure about web-based courses.

xxx.xx155.30 Family, Idioma

xxx.xx4.32.177 I have my MLSc already and am primarily interested in continuing-education classes. I would be very interested in distance education classes either at a site nearby where I am living or via the Web. I am wondering if I would need to apply for admission to take a class. Must be accredited. Course descriptions. Admission requirements.
Thanks for considering distance educ. in the field of library science. Time constraints & convenience are my biggest obstacles in getting an MLS. Hopefully more options will become available for working adults to pursue their education & career goals. I have been a library tech for almost 7 years & think about pursuing it more. There are not many choices in Colorado though.

xxx.xx.89.205 financial aid and information regarding the course.
It would be an additional opportunity for me to earn necessary knowledge and skills to be able to serve my patrons.

xxx.xx5.2.166 I'm currently in a program which has telecommuted classes in addition to on-campus classes. My experience with a telecommuted class has left me cautious regarding them. I'd want to be assured of adequate individual interaction with instructors. I also prefer the collegiality of an in-person experience, but I won't rule out distance-learning in my future

xxx.xx.66.38 I'm not interested in being graded and jumping through hoops, but I would be interested in auditing courses for prof. development purposes

xxx.xx4.155.134 * flexibility of scheduling course work and assignments * efficacy of an on-line link from Texas to (fairly) remote northern Canada (British Columbia) and appropriate computer software, links, and other supports * pertinence of a southern U.S. curriculum for a Canadian librarian/archivist * cost * length/requirement of program

It's great to be aware of institutional/professional schools initiatives to offer professional development and graduate work via distance education. Your information about the MLS program in Texas is of personal interest to me as a library technician with an undergrad degree, and also professionally as an Educational/Student Advisor at my small 2 year institution.

xxx.xx0.65.195 Price, Proposed offerings

xxx.xx.200.195 If it is possible to get the degree via distance education, I'm all for it. California has too few options or not publicized it well enough.

xxx.xx1.2.12 I'm looking for a technology enabled, certified PhD program that does not require residency. I want to keep my job, benefits and connections. I want to understand more about information in the chemical industry (flow, architecture, management, leveraging, etc), specifically to benefit my company, my career, my work. Contact me for more information:

xxx.xx3.44.26 This is an excellent way for an adult, with family responsibilities, to pursue a professional degree. Please consider providing this option.

xxx.xx.189.195 1. Timely response from instructors 2. Opportunity for contact with other students (e.g. closed email discussion list) 3. Credit or exemption for existing qualifications/courses passed 4. Consideration for professional experience (e.g. project or research drawing on experience even if not supported by formal courses taken)

xxx.xx2.3.237 Course fee must be low

It is a good idea, especially for those students lacking financial resources and far away from the University

xxx.xx6.92.226 I'll take those classes that enable me to update my knowledge in our field.

Asian Distance-education programs are usually considered lower in quality than full-time day courses in terms of lack of faculty support, no library resources, etc. How would U of Texas tackle about this?

xxx.xx2.230.6 I would have to be able to transfer credits from another MLS program I've started.

xxx.xx1.4.98 For continuing education only, could all the classes be taken without any residency requirements?

xxx.xx2.80.115 I have my MLIS from UT-Austin so I know what I'm getting into as far as the classes are concerned. I wish I had had the time to take classes from a number of other professors, but could not because of time constraints. I would especially like continuing ed./advanced courses in cataloging. I would also take more courses dealing with copyright or other public policy issues.

xxx.xx1.103.173 THE COST OF CLASSES IS THE MOST CRITICAL FACTOR FOR MY BEING ABLE TO PURSUE CONTINUING EDUCATION. I HAVE MY MLS.

This is the wave of the future. I hope UT-Austin can work things out to offer many classes this way and that the costs for out-of-state students will be reasonable. Good luck and thank you for this survey.

xxx.xx.129.26 Whether the courses on the web would be equivalent to those courses on campus--would I learn as effectively on the web as on campus

xxx.xx9.45.63 How often would I have to attend classes on campus, e.g. orientation, tests, etc.?

xxx.xx.123.206 cost, entrance requirements ; I would be most interested in continuing ed.

If properly constructed, I feel that distance learning for continuing education would be helpful to me. I would be most interested in topics related to technical services, cataloging (especially electronic); and emerging issues

xxx.xx.24.39 price; availability of what I need;

I don't much care for distance education for undergraduate degrees. I think that it may work well for graduate or continuing education.

xxx.xx3.148.28 courses offered;

xxx.xx.100.75

I'm quite interested in pursuing an MLS, but due to my husband's job situation will likely find it difficult to relocate for a degree. I would be happy to see a high-quality MLS degree offered via distance education.

xxx.xx.253.230

access to materials—ability to interact with instructor and fellow students

xxx.xx9.23.55 #3 Not feasible at all. #4 Not for full-time study, since I still have to keep my job. #5 Cost would be the other big factor. #6 Extension courses would be ideal; I would consider pursuing at least a couple of course credits, especially as pertain to my job. I would want to take at least one course in MARC cataloging. #7. Slide Curator #8. Frustrated with MARC. #9. General B.A. & Teacher's Certificate #10. Age 47 #13. Survey would have been a little easier to fill out if one could have typed the answers into the space beside each question, instead of in only two boxes.

xxx.xx.242.249 Would any travel be involved? Already have MLS, need more course work, training in cataloging.

xxx.xx3.191.76 The main difficulty I face in obtaining a MLS is cost. At the state university near my home, classes are still expensive, even for an in-state resident. As reknown as your program may be, paying out of state tuition for a web based degree, although a wonderful idea in terms of convenience and academic reputation, would not be financially feasible.

xxx.xx0.124.20 My understanding is that there are no ALA accredited programs which are entirely distance learning based.

xxx.xx.70.62 Continuing education over the Web is very much needed for those of us already in the field...but paying out-of-state tuition rates makes it prohibitive in most cases. I'm very interested in your alternative!

xxx.xx3.119.201 Cost, course requirements,

xxx.xx3.53.98 cost of program, format of web-based materials

xx.xx10.130 Major factor : whether offered courses meet my needs

I would like courses in cataloging, archives and some updated computer courses.(the Autocat list is presently have a good discussion on the importance of library schools teaching cataloging)

xx.xxx.132.2I wonder if you plan to have distance education for doctoral program or advanced certificate program for Library Science. None of the library school offer this as far as I know. The distance-education program would be very interested by the people like me who work full-time and family obligation. Is it impossible to include further degree or certificate program?

xxx.xx4.73.122 I have the MLS but I might be interested in upgrading skills in several areas. We are entering the second phase of reorganization in the two years our new dean has been in place, and she indicates we will be in constant change as long as she is here (at least the 10 years it will take her to get her pension vested I assume.)

xxx.xx0.162.100 Distance learning concerns me, how much real experience learning can you do over a computer? I think distance education could be an excellent problem solver for busy people. I would like to see a combination program with classes taught over the Internet and requirements of field work in the location where you live.

xxx.xx.130.226 Would an indexing class be offered? What would it cost? I already have an M.L.S., but I would like to take a course or two in indexing because I'd like to do freelance indexing. I didn't take any indexing courses while I was getting my M.L.S.

xxx.xx.10.146 cost time committment

xxx.xx1.103.172 I've taken a compressed video distance ed class, and it was a painful experience. The technology was not very reliable and we spent a lot of time trying to get it to work. We didn't get the "normal" amount of material. I would be interested to see how a web-based class would compare. You would loose the companionship of the other students, but perhaps also loose the gremlins inherent in the video technology.

xxx.xx4.74.236

on-campus requirements; cost; computer criteria

The progress and development of distance education interests me. Currently I hold a master's degree in a related field and work 50-60 hours per week. It is very difficult to re-arrange my schedule to take courses during the day and early evening. For me, distance education would afford an opportunity to pursue an additional graduate degree and fit coursework into my schedule during off-beat hours. In addition, should I take courses at Texas University, I would have the advantage of one of the top ten schools in the field. Currently, the nearest school offering a graduate degree in this field is about 100 miles from my home. The traveling time alone defeats the purpose. Thanks for the opportunity to express my thoughts. I will be looking forward to hearing more about your program. I heard about your survey via a librarians listservs-Autocat.

xxx.xx2.16.5 I currently live and work in Toronto, Canada. Would there be problems with International students?

xxx.xx4.173.134 I have an undergrad minor in Library Science and work as assistant librarian in a small special library. I don't know that I would study for the complete MLS. but I'm sure there would be many courses that I would find very useful in my job.

xxx.xx.20.99 What's taking the bulk of library schools so long? Library science is a no-brainer to offer through web-based classes. If you don't jump in, we'll all just have to go to Univ. of IL at Urbana-Champaign. Jump in!

xxx.xx6.165.151 I am extremely interested in distance education because of my location. I also would most likely need to retain my job and therefore, that is also a factor in my decision about which program I pursue. I am currently preparing to apply to distance-education programs for this coming fall.

xxx.xx.190.13 1.Course credit available for a class. 2.Types of courses offered. 3 = Interested

xxx.xx.12.27\$\$\$

Distance education for an MLS would be a highly desirable option for me if the cost were low enough.

xxx.xx2.245.213 Cost, Requirements to visit Austin for extended periods, like other programs now do. Although I have an M.A. in History and have been employed as an Archivist for years, I would like to pursue an M.L.S. The closest program to me is three hours away. I have investigated distance learning degrees (although not in the last year so there may have been some changes), but they all require extended visits to their campuses, which is not an option for me. Although I'm getting older I'm still interested if someone will come up with a REAL distance learning degree, done completely online. Don't know if

anyone is planning such a thing, but I would love to hear about it if so. Cost is important, but the main consideration for me is the ability to do it all online.

xxx.xx3.226.245 Whether all remote or some on campus work required.

xxx.xx5.87.167 The facts would involve all of the items I checked off in question 2. But since distance ed. classes might overcome those items, I would be very interested.

xxx.xx.133.203 I would love to have an opportunity to complete work towards my MLS via distance education. I look forward to seeing the results of this survey.

xxx.xx6.14.251 I am interested in working on my +30. I am currently employed in the field, and sabbatical time is not available to me. I would love to find classes on the web!

xxx.xx4.85.116 I see the need for possible retraining, given the current situation in my library. Web development, more work with electronic reference sources would be what possible employers are looking for. Having certificate of advanced study would make me look stronger on paper and be considered for positions along with recent MLS grads.

xxx.xx.250.27 cataloging required?
Most programs seem to focus on administration of a library. Small libraries are the norm where I live and I feel that all aspects of librarianship need to be touched on -- especially cataloging.

xxx.xx8.192.38 I am enrolled in a lib. science program that does not offer archives instruction. I need that area.

xxx.xx4.228.186 cost, on-site requirements, computer requirements

xxx.xx3.119.126 It depends on the contents of the classes offered

xxx.xx2.184.21 Courses offered.

xxx.xx.82.142 Do not know the cost
As I have an MLS & am only a few years from retirement, what I would be interested in are non-credit courses on book preservation.

xxx.xx2.216.2 I am currently enrolled in a library science distance-education program. I have two jobs and maintain a busy household and I believe that if distance ed programs weren't available, I would be unable to further my education.

xxx.xx0.97.207 access to information sources!
I would be very interested in a viable distance education curriculum. I am an Arkansas resident completing my MLS in Denton, TX, at Texas Woman's University. It has been a struggle to drive 250 miles each way each week made complicated by a head-on collision last spring. Needless to say, I am willing to sacrifice to complete my education but this is going too far. I have tried distance education by commute and by web (a cataloging class and the Internet class) and have found some subjects more and others less successful. I would love to hear more and to see more curricula developed WELL for students who cannot commute as I have (and am no longer willing to do). A LARGE consideration is and MUST be equitable access to resources, mainly information sources.

xxx.xx3.84.74 I feel that academic libraries are more likely to select a candidate who has received at least one degree on site rather than through distance education. However, I am glad the option is out there for individuals pursuing positions at non-academic libraries or who are getting master's in library science as their second graduate level degree.

xx.xxx.116.38 I would not have the ability to leave my current job for such a long period of time.

xxx.xx7.19.15 do I have to spend time on campus?

xxx.xx8.62.109 I think distance education is a useful alternative to traditional coursework. It affords people an opportunity within their geographic as well as time constraints so that they may further their education.

xxx.xx.102.159 1. Cost 2. Courses offered

xxx.xx.1.243 How the class would be conducted. Also, the type of courses offered.

xx.xxx.47.73 price

xxx.xx.31.23 Not interested if out of state fees apply.
High time and the wave of the future.

xxx.xx6.120.136 cost for out-of-state students

In the question about my age, the age ranges overlap: 21-30, 30-40, 40-50, etc. Since I am on the border (30) I chose the lower range, which I suspect most respondents would do. Won't this skew your results?

xxx.xx1.28.234 I wish you would do this. How will we know? Rutgers has great online but no MLS.

xxx.xx6.35.52 *Required contact with the faculty for at least 12 credit hours. *Comparable tuition to on-campus students...or less. *MLS from an ALA-accredited program.

xxx.xx.132.2I live in a rural part of Massachusetts, and the nearest college that offers an MLS degree is 3 hours away. I cannot relocate due to my current family situation, but I have always dreamed of being a librarian. I am currently pursuing my BS, but will graduate in 2001. At that time, I will start actively pursuing my MLS via distance learning, as no other options exist.

xxx.xx9.144.34 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

xxx.xx8.185.167 cost, time involved, prerequisites

I'd be interested in seeing courses offered in archival education and preservation via the Web.

xxx.xx8.32.145 Distance education requires some intensive interaction with others in the class and the professor to be successful. This can be through chat, lists or other interactive means. Without that interaction you might just as well be studying the books alone.

xxx.xx6.74.106 cost, quality of education

xxx.xx.200.239 I think that due to family obligations and the far away distance of colleges offering MLS courses, many people will be interested in distance education. I know of at least five people besides myself who are "weighing their options" at this point. Thank you for the survey.

xxx.xx9.59.130 Having to come for a week each semester. The quality of web based software and the communication with class and staff

I have been taking classes at Denver University but their program is not accredited. I have looked into other distance programs, like Syracuse and University of Illinois, but the cost is somewhat prohibitive when you consider that you have to go there for a week each semester. I have a full-time job and cannot always get the time off that I need. I have been thinking about applying to UT anyway.

xxx.xx.116.211 mode of delivery

taking a web-based course from the University of Wisconsin-Madison right now -- it's working out well.

xxx.xx3.204.198 how much residency required, mode of communication/transmittal, reputation of program

xxx.xx8.130.94 The cost should be less for distance d courses.

xxx.xx.116.29 General facilities of Dist Ed location and remote research facilities.

xxx.xx0.184.217 I'm currently taking DL classes at another institution and I love it. I can go at my own pace and do the work in my own time (no required classes) I still get as much out of it as or even more than a face-to-face class.

xxx.xx8.90.67 I'm near completion of an MLS from University of South Florida. Every one of my classes had been completed at a distance, some at off-campus sites and some web-based. This has been a *wonderful* opportunity for me as I live 300 miles from the main campus and work full-time, Monday-Friday. In the future, I am very interested to somehow gain knowledge of rare books and rare book archives.

xxx.xx.112.226 I have been hoping for a long time that the University of Texas would offer distance learning for the MLS degree. Presently, North Texas University and Texas Woman's University offer courses in my area. However, since I already have a degree from UT, I want to obtain my Master's Degree from there, as well. My family obligations are an obstacle to relocating to Austin. I currently live in Fort Bend County. If I could do most of my course work through distance learning, I would be highly motivated to obtain my MLS degree.

xxx.xx.115.102 I have recently graduated from UNT's program, and have taken both traditional and web-based courses. There was no comparison between the two. It was almost impossible to learn anything from the web-based courses. They were enormously frustrating and a waste of everyone's time. I am a former teacher and now librarian. Distance education is fine as long as there is a human being in the room. To try and actually learn anything by reading an article and posting your comments to it on a web conference is virtually impossible. Library schools owe their students better preparation than this.

xxx.xx7.159.66 I have previously taken Distance Education Classes from the University of Arizona SIRLS program, and was very unhappy with the experience.

While I feel it is important to continue my education post MLS, I would be hesitant to embark in a distance-education program unless I knew exactly how it was administrated and what was expected of me.

xxx.xx8.106.22 cost and time manageable

I work with librarians all over Wyoming who are frustrated because professional educational opportunities are scarce. In order for library staff to obtain Master's degrees in library science they must travel out of state. I think they would welcome an opportunity to complete degree requirements in Wyoming. I am the library development officer at the Wyoming State Library. I would like to know what the outcome of this survey and decisions for distanc education. Judy Yeo, Wyoming State Library, 2301 Capitol Ave., Cheyenne WY 82002 (307) 777-5914.

xxx.xx.158.29 COST AND TIME

xxx.xx8.199.166 variety of classes available via d.e.

xxx.xx9.62.17

I already have MLIS from UT. (Great school!!!) I would be interested in continuing-education opportunities via the web. I am currently taking Collection development via the web from U of South Florida.

xxx.xx.81.140 Way of receiving courses and course material. Period of studies (part-time, full-time) The problems other people faced while attending this kind of courses (i.e. long distance). Are long distance programs accredited?

As I would be mostly interested in following a PhD long distance program, I wonder if there is such a possibility within the U. of Texas.

xxx.xx7.128.35 I already have an MLS but may be interested in updating my knowledge and skills through distance learning

xxx.xx.112.5 time commitment, ability to access distance education resources

xxx.xx.203.37 lower cost

I would be most interested in the occasional course on topics not covered when I got my degree. For instance, music, or serials cataloging.

xxx.xx138.140 I don't have my driving license

I have taken some courses via the Internet through University of Maine and I find it very helpful. So far I am just taking the courses to enrich my skills.

xxx.xx8.196.33 Distance ed is a growing trend and as a two-time graduate of UT-Austin, I would like to see UT stay current in educational trends. I am pursuing a second Master's degree at this time, in LS at TWU b/c of proximity. However, I would love to take some classes at UT via distance ed and would have enrolled in the program had it been already available at the time of my enrollment in the program.

xxx.xx247.17 cost, registration/entrance exams requirements, time restraints for completion

Thank you for the opportunity to "voice" some of the concerns I have about obtaining an MLS. I live in New Hampshire where the CLL has dropped the Public Library Certificate courses. You can take some classes at UNH - finishing up at URI. These are definite limitations for most librarians in NH - where salaries are poor even with an MLS! Sincerely, Phyllis

xx.xx.237.1 I have actually been looking for an online PhD program, or advanced certificate in children's literature. Or at least a program where some coursework is offered by distance education.

xxx.xx9.233.167 I already have a MLS degree but am interested in taking library science classes I did not get a chance to take while obtaining the MLS. Specifically I am interested in advanced cataloging. I live in a state that does not have a library school so a course through distance education from a good program is of great interest to me.

xxx.xx7.14.63 cost, time, flexibility

I have MLS, but am interested in upgrading in specialized areas, i.e. collection development, user needs.

xxx.xx8.32.151 Facts? Do you mean factors? Media employed—how interactive, how retrievable and repeatable? Choice of teachers; refundable tuition for courses begun but not completed. Responsible grading. Would there

be some mandatory classes at Austin during a course? How would TU's distance ed lib and info sci courses really measure up to those lib schools pioneering distance ed with established infrastructures? 10 years to make a reputation; 10 years to break a so-called good one. Top 10 among library schools is about as dependable as top 10 among football teams. I've worked from east coast to west coast and, frankly, Texas lib school grads I've run across have hardly been good advertising for the school. Arrogance and incompetence have been the norm. Would residents be held there and elsewhere in higher esteem than "the distantly educated"? Ah, perhaps 6 just answered that question.

Distance education is just another manifestation of pandering to those who want to be credited--and paid--for what in fact they can not or at least do not want to earn in a measure achieved by others in the recent past. When aspiring trapeze artists can be safely certified to have mastered the basics of that vocation by correspondence courses, then distance education can be certified to come near enough to being education to call it that.

***[Editor's note: The "TU" reference may be an indication of where this bitterness is coming from.]

xxx.xx4.166.131 costs for out-of-state students, whether courses would be offered in the area of school library media certification (I would like to add this onto the MLS which I have already completed)
I hope you receive a positive response - this could be a wonderful option for those of us with busy work schedules. Please keep me posted as I am seriously interested in more information if online coursework is added.

xx.xx.155.54 cost of living in Austin, job market, housing, etc.
I'm currently enrolled in the distance program at Emporia State University, but would be interested in augmenting their courses with classes from another university, esp if classes were offered which did not duplicate ESU's coursework. We want more advanced reference, business, and children/YA specialty classes!

xxx.xx3.168.64 Currently taking courses locally via telecommunications from IU. I have been admitted to their full MLS program. However, I am not sure how i can possibly continue to work fulltime (\$ needed to finance my children's college) and maintain a family life and attend classes 3 r 4 hours away, which will be necessary after the next couple of courses I complete. If there were an online alternative, I would jump at it!

xxx.xx2.172.54 cost of classes, type of classes offered, time frame for completing coursework

xxx.xx4.3.140 Mainly how long I would have to stay at the insutituion.
I know there has to be better than what is currently available by distance learning and I'm holding out hope that in the next few years it is going to begin emerging.

xxx.xx6.159.187 I am currently working on a MLIS out of Cal. State San Jose. I will finish a law degree this December and am looking for another job. If I get a job in a location which makes it difficult to complete the MLIS I will be looking into distance ed. courses.

xxx.xx.128.6 Cost

xxx.xx6.178.149 content, course structure, costs, instructors, teaching methods

xxx.xx.181.4 lack of contact to 'fellow students'

xxx.xx.255.36 NOT APPLICABLE
I work for a distance education institution in South Afrika (Technikon SA) and am interested!

xxx.xx3.232.59 Cost, time factor, courses being offered

xxx.xx0.16.89 How would the school be able to help with money?
The university, where I work, has branched into distance education so I've run into such a thing before. My only concern is...would the ALA accredit such a program?

xxx.xx2.216.2 I received my MLS through a distance learning program. Therefore, I did not have access to a campus library for completing assignments. This was an asset since it required me to become familiar with several libraries, and a variety of types of libraries, to complete assignments. I also established a good cooperative, working relationships with many librarians throughout the state.

xxx.xx0.0.109 free tuition, living expenses

xxx.xx5.193.101 I think distance education is wonderful! Hopefully it will give women, with small children at home, an opportunity to pursue their life goals. It will also allow those of us who would like to continue our education but who are working full time an opportunity to take classes from home. Thank you and good luck with your survey. Maybe distance learning will also allow the schools to offer classes at a lower cost so more people will have a chance to grow!!!

xxx.xx2.170.240 I have a Library Technician's diploma and would be interested in doing occasional courses to upgrade my skills, but at this age don't wish to pursue a MLS/MLIS.

xxx.xx7.28.28 I would be very interested in taking courses through distance education for graduate credit. I have an MLS and a second master's degree but need further graduate credits to be eligible for promotion. I am currently the Head of Cataloging at a university library. It was not clear to me in question 6 whether such distance ed. courses would provide the full graduate credits that I need, but if they would, I would be very interested in taking them.

xxx.xx0.48.245 time, cost, equipment needed

xxx.xx6.77.151 Cost - Types of courses available. Net gain to me as a professional librarian (31 years). I would prefer that not all of the DE take place in front of a computer, as that is where I spend most of my days. As a person who has been a professional librarian for over thirty years, I am concerned now about the constant rap we hear from younger administrators about how we must adapt to constant change and like it or else. I'd frankly be interested in getting out of the field, but that's probably not what you want to hear!!

xxx.xx4.114.207 It would have to be less expensive than taking the course at UT-Austin. I would look for a school that did not charge excessive fees for distance learning classes. Part of the promotion requirements in my present job is to take courses from an ALA accredited library program. I would be interested in taking courses that would help me run the automated library management systems -- courses in HTML, networking, TCP/IP, etc. would be beneficial to me.

xxx.xx7.142.135 Already have MLIS from UT-Austin; considering continuing education in library admin or technology

xxx.xx7.233.15 I am presently attending Emporia State University as a distance learning student for an MLS. I chose Emporia because of their location and their new distance learning program that limits the amount of travel required. My classes are a combination of telenet, Internet, and weekend intensives. I think it is important to have face-to-face contact with other students and the instructor. Our telenet instructor visited each site at least once.

xxx.xx3.25.167 Could these distance classes be taken on an individual's schedule or would you have to log in at a specific time? Would there be a reduced rate for distance classes as you are using less of the school's resources? Would the instructors be full faculty personnel?

xxx.xx.112.203 Cost

xxx.xx.117.92 Already have an MLS; perhaps CE.

xxx.xx4.78.27 Cost, any on campus requirements, research access

xxx.xx3.238.2 faculty support, clearly defined materials and assignments, clear and constant communication between student and school, faculty, classmates

xxx.xx4.114.204 I am taking classes as part of my tenure and promotion process. Distance education would be great, esp. if the enrollment process was easier for those of us who do not want a degree--just post-MLS hours.

xxx.xx8.203.194 I have a BA in Library Science and Information Systems and decided it would be more beneficial for me to obtain further education in Information Technology as opposed to a Master's in Library Science. The Kent State program which is available locally gears their classes for school/academic librarianship. If your program could help me to have the background for a systems librarian, I would consider it.

xxx.xx2.128.35 I work for a university with a LIS program. I already have the MLIS, but I might take some CE distance ed. It all depends upon the price. It would have to be low enough to warrant not doing it at my own institution.

xxx.xx0.234.242 pursuing a degree would be more practical in terms of time if there was near-term return on investment; if classes had an ounce of practicality so that one MIGHT consider learning new tools that could be APPLIED in the work environment; rather than learning astral theory from multi-degreed professors who've never WORKED at a library or info center in their life...(and certainly this isn't targeted specifically at Austin- it is what has made graduate education less worth pursuing(within the competing demands of a lower-tier library supervisor)

xxx.xx167.90 I am most interested in Extension Division distance-education courses in cataloging.

xxx.xx215.161 quality instruction/instructors, acceptance of the validity of classes by other professionals

xxx.xx6.27.58 cost

xxx.xx9.36.133 1)cost 2)time commitment, flexibility

xxx.xx9.196.15 Time required, cost, length of program, choice of courses
I have had no experience in distance education but I would be interested in learning more about the particulars.

xxx.xx9.44.188 Choice of classes

xxx.xx5.160.65 I had no reservations about answering #3. Austin is simply too far away for me to ever even consider.
I am interested in moving my career towards archives. Accredited distance education would be a practical solution enabling me to further this area of interest. If you decide to offer distance ed. in this area, please advertise widely so I know you are doing this. Thank you.

xxx.xx4.108.2 Course content
I would be interested in coursework that would improve skills I use in my job in an academic library. Updating computer skills, a survey of emerging technologies, collection development that includes electronic media--all would be of interest.

xxx.xx0.201.76 interested in both courses as well as shorter workshop type Internet programs that would aid in bringing skills up to date

xxx.xx.46.153 I am very interested in the possibility of distance ed. - however, my main concern is the quality of the education, and the chance the degree will not carry as much weight as one obtained directly at a university.

xxx.xx3.149.244 Cost?

xxx.xx.11.111 I already have a Library-science degree (M.S.L.S.). I have been successfully employed as a College Librarian for over 26 years (2 years at the University of North Texas, and 24 years at Houston Community College). Although I have been very successful as a Librarian, I am still somewhat uncomfortable in that my Library Degree is not ALA Accredited. I graduated from Texas A&M - Commerce (formerly East Texas State University).

xxx.xx4.135.210 As I already have an MLIS, it would depend strongly on what courses were offered.

xxx.xx2.43.62 types of courses offered, tie in assignments, requirements for connecting to DE, interacting with peers & professors.
How will we know if you start a DE in library science?

xxx.xx2.49.249 North Texas has already outclassed you! Your faculty sat on it's collective ass for years and resisted distance ed, focusing instead on research. Now you want into the game? Bugger off!

xxx.xx4.108.2 I would be interested in web courses or correspondence courses.

xxx.xx.44.76 Availability of resource materials, any residency requirements (that is, having to complete a certain number of credits in residence at UT.
My only real concern about distance education is whether a degree earned completely as distance education is regarded as equivalent to a degree earned in residence. I am very interested in pursuing this option. Even though I work on a campus with great access to a tuition subsidized MLS program, I live out of town. Class schedules, family and transportation constraints are thus far preventing me from taking advantage of the opportunities on campus.

xxx.xx8.64.86 1. cost 2. availability of resource material 3. instructional support

xxx.xx5.152.200 It would have to fit my specific interests in continuing education.
It is difficult for me to believe that distance education can substitute for a "hands-on" degree in library science. PLEASE,PLEASE keep the basics in library science. We need more than computer whizzes in the field! My library is hiring MLS librarians who have been told they can get Reference and Collection Development "on the job". My library is in dire need of a cataloger, so I am trying to fulfill that need with only a basic background in cataloging. I would therefore be interested in advanced cataloging in a distance format.

xxx.xx.121.51 I, myself received my MLS through a distance-education program. Only a couple of classes I took were web-based (they were the least liked). Instructors came from the home campus to our Pseudo campus in rented classrooms to deliver the course content. It works much better that way. If you want to know who your competition is; it is Emporia State University (from Kansas). I took classes in Denver, Colorado.

xxx.xx7.29.10 I would need all the information about the program so I could weigh the pros and cons. I have an MLS and having worked in the profession for many years am interested in continuing education particularly in the areas of management, public administration, and collection management. The closest library school is 2 hours away and out of state. With small children at home, formal CE is not possible for me at this time.

xxx.xx3.193.143 They would need to be applicable to my requirements at the local program in which I am enrolled.
Distance learning is a bit frightening to students who have not used Internet/web connections. It would be helpful to have an informational session during which all the necessary skills needed for distance learning would be covered thoroughly.

xxx.xx1.57.224 How would tests, projects, papers, etc be submitted and graded? What time of day would televised classes be held?
I think it is a great idea.

xxx.xx3.186.167 Depends on the classes available, cost, time commitment, etc.

xxx.xx149.62 I would be very interested in a distance education program at a doctoral level, leading to a degree. As a library director there is little time to pursue such a degree. Also, there are no library schools at a close enough distance to make such a degree possible. Good luck with your survey!

xxx.xx6.33.82 I work full-time in a library currently. I would not want to give up my job to attend school. Maybe a couple of months in the summer or something.

xxx.xx29.145 Post-MLS. Interested in CE courses. Perhaps toward a concentration in another area of librarianship.

xxx.xx6.224.6 cost of credits, format of courses, type of direct contact w/ faculty available

xxx.xx9.72.15 cost, credit transfers, credit for professional position

I don't know what "conditional course credit"

means. Would an extension program carry the ALA accreditation? I have been burnt twice (yes, two times!) in my lifetime by entering programs applying for and not getting that accreditation, either because the university switched to an archives program or because the university didn't get its accreditation after the first application for it. I feel I am very qualified, being a library director, but I know getting employment anywhere else other than my small college will be very difficult. My motivation for an MLS is mobility, not employability, so I am somewhat ambivalent whether or not this is something I want to pursue. However, if there's a DE option, it might be something I would want to do after all.

xxx.xx6.90.186 Course options, Cost of Courses

I am a New Mexico resident, and I would love to see some viable Library Science Distance Education become available. I already have my MLS, but I would love to take some continuing-education classes. It's especially difficult for New Mexico librarians since we have no ALA accredited schools in the state, and now that Arizona and Colorado have lost their accreditation. Please keep this in considerations. Thanks!

xxx.xx2.30.157 I reside in the Chicago area and am a recent graduate of UIUC. I would probably turn there first for continuing ed. (through LEEP), but I would consider Texas depending on course availability and time involved in applying/registering.

xxx.xx.28.149 In our case, our academic library is located in the "Boone Docks" and the closest accredited MLS degree is either in Asheville, NC or Greensboro, NC which is 2 hours of hard driving. Many people in this library would be interested in taking Library Science classes "distantly" if they could... myself included!

xxx.xx9.21.62 I have an MLS. I would be interested in taking more graduate level courses in my chosen profession. There are many courses i had interest in but was not able to fit in my schedule during Grad school and working as a professional, I have developed additional interests and needs. But of course, I would not relocate to take a couple of classes. An Internet based class would be great for people like me.

xxx.xx.7.22 I have been working as a professional librarian for 20 years without the imprimatur of an MLS. Luckily, my institution has encouraged me to advance without the degree but I am convinced that no other instition would even look at my resume without the MLS. I plan to attend a library school next fall but am unable to relocate and am not excited by the local options (Emporia State and MU). I have heard great things about UT-Austin and would be very excited about the possibility of earning an MLS though distance learning. I would very much like to receive further information, should you decide to pursue this course.

xxx.xx5.225.5 Cost

I recently received an MLS degree from the University of Iowa. I live in a city other than where the University is located. I would have been nice if I could have done some distance education. It was also very difficult to accomplish because I was working full-time. Classes often conflicted with my work schedule. In addition to getting the original MLS through distance education, I would be interested in continuing education that way. However, I would probably not want to pay as much as I did for classes contributing to my degree.

xxx.xx7.5.4 Distance education is an extremely valuable option. It allows those not close to a university to continue their education. Advertising however is going to be important aspect to persons outside your state. If people do not know what is available they can not utilize it. I have taken one graduate class via the web. It was very valuable. I am in Iowa and the professor was in Kentucky.

xxx.xx.51.77 My interest in taking this survey is due to my desire to take LIS classes as continuing education for my present position. Due to my geographical location, distance education and/or short-term, intensive courses on location are the most viable options for me.

xxx.xx9.196.10 I am currently enrolled in a distance learning program in library science through the University of Maine. I have worked in libraries for 20 years. Finally, there is an undergraduate program available. I may decide to go on to obtain an MLS if distance and money were not a factor. I do enjoy the distance learning classes I am taking now. It is much easier to work around my family and outside work without physically being in a classroom at a specific time.

xxx.xx0.134.50 I would be interested in obtaining the results of this survey. I would be very interested in a distance learning Master's program in library science from UT-Austin. Also would New Mexico residents be qualified to receive in-state tuition since there aren't any MLIS programs w/in the state?

xxx.xx1.153.48 price, availability, convenience

xxx.xx7.33.162 I like the idea, however, I have had two employees who completed their degrees as librarians in distance courses. I definitely feel that the quality of education they received, and the standards they were held to were lower than my own traditional program.

xxx.xx1.231.225 cost and time allowed to complete each course

xxx.xx.25.224 tuition for out-of-state distance learners
I have taken distance ed courses at SUNY Buffalo and loved them! I have an MLS degree from Illinois, but SUNY offered courses that weren't part of the curriculum at Illinois. The biggest issue for me is paying out-of-state tuition.

xxx.xx.125.13 Mostly cost
I currently have my MLS but might be interested in taking courses that would be flexible timewise (particularly on Web-based courses) and not too expensive. One reason I might be interested in pursuing coursework is that after graduation I discovered that my degree was not accredited. Perhaps redoing part of the program would allow me to have an accredited degree.

xxx.xx8.185.148 courses/subject areas offered; time commitment; schedule (eg, do I HAVE to be on my computer at 6 PM Tuesday?); required computer setup; documentation that I successfully completed the coursework

xxx.xx6.75.120 Since the email address below does not work, I will include my question in this category. I am not clear about question number 6 "conditional course credits"---what does that mean?

xxx.xx.180.53 any residency requirement and cost
I have been looking for a continuing-education program to further my knowledge of music cataloging. It does not necessarily have to be a degree program.

xxx.xx1.251.51 I am a 41 year old secondary school library assistant with an Associate's Degree in Humanities. My request is for advice. Having worked in a high school library for 15 years, I know that this is the work I want to do from now on. I am NOT interested in classroom teaching at this point in my career. What would be the best undergraduate degree to pursue? I am interested in the "quickest" way to obtain my MSLIS. Would it be possible to get credit for library experience? What about "testing out" of some courses? As I have a chronic medical condition that disables me somewhat, I am extremely interested in distance learning opportunities. Thanks for your time,

xxx.xx.3.79 Its availability. My ability to balance work and school and my ability to get into the program. But I am most adamantly interested in pursuing an MLS. I have support in the effort from my supervisor and the dean of the library where I work.

I wish this program was offered at Arkansas State University, where I work at the Dean B. Ellis Library in Periodicals and Collection Development. I know of one other person who is interested in this and I'm sure there are others.

xxx.xx5.104.156 1. receipt of reading lists in sufficient time to locate materials locally 2. flexibility as to timing & number of courses taken concurrently 3. availability of traditional library courses (e.g. reference, cataloging) via the distance option, as well as the more info science-oriented courses

xxx.xx.193.74 I would have to see what classes were being offered.
This would be great for us in San Diego, since the closest schools are in Fullerton & LA.

xxx.xx2.164.13 I am currently enrolled in the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University. Our location in far western Kentucky makes it impossible to continue education in pursuit of a degree from an ALA accredited university. Library degrees online are extremely interesting to me and to others in our region

xxx.xx9.234.78 On campus requirements, cost, computer requirements
It is difficult to incorporate the personal touch in distance classes. E-mail lists and chat rooms don't quite do it. If you can get a few students together somehow to work in concert would foster some of these feelings. Good luck. Will you be offering post master's coursework? I already have my MLS from U of AZ mainly through their distance program.

xxx.xx2.6.236 Price, time involved, equipment required, actual courses offered

xxx.xx5.205.11 I am very interesting in taking distance education classes via the Internet.

xxx.xx.175.12 cost, courses offered

xxx.xx2.248.126 cost, cost, price

xxx.xx0.101.18 Time, I have a chronically ill granddaughter. Sometimes it is necessary to take several days off in a row to provide some relief to my daughter's burden. Money. I am the main breadwinner in my family and sometimes give some of my earnings to my daughter to ease her financial burden with medical expenses. Are grants, scholarships, or loans available for this degree? Flexibility. Are there time requirements that the degree must be completed in two years exactly or can you take two and a half years if needed. Expense of maintaining two households in order to get the degree. If the degree required attending one year at the Austin, TX location would loans or other assistance be available?
I would like to see distance education become available. I would need to find financing or borrow the money to pay the tuition and related expenses of returning to school. Distance education would offer me the opportunity to pursue a Graduate Degree without neglecting my family or losing income from my current employment, which is very much needed. I do hope you decide to offer this opportunity. If you do decide to offer distance education please e-mail, write, or call me at the following:

xxx.xx7.115.154 Great idea! Look forward to hearing about a program from you folks! I hope other institutions follow suit.

xxx.xx3.84.231 price, also whether one must visit the campus for short stays. that adds considerably to the price of the degree and is not always feasible due to work, family, and leave time considerations.

xx.xx.102.74 Availability of interaction with other members of the class. Would there be any face-to-face meetings, and if so, how far in advance would we be told of these meetings? What about testing? I do not think distance education is an answer for a total degree, but I do think it could be helpful when circumstances do not allow campus attendance. Texas is a large state, so the need is there...but it shouldn't be the end all to a degree. Also what about transferring the credits? What if I wanted to take a particular course at TWU or North Texas...and participate in the distance ed program at UT-Austin? It seems there needs to be a blending or sharing of opportunities. Providing an opportunity to better the individual, enhancing the public's relationships with libraries, could be a second hidden agenda of the distance ed

program. I know it is important to graduate numbers of quality people, but at the same time we need to promote the idea that libraries and degrees in libraries are for everyone. We can no longer be a "hidden" profession behind the stacks!

xxx.xx7.90.180 Scheduling

Already have MLIS from UT, would be interested in distance continuing ed.

xxx.xx4.108.2 One comment-I live about 60 miles from Austin and so would probably commute if I enrolled. However, this is difficult and expensive, so DE is an interesting alternative for me. One of the most crucial questions would be that of quality and acceptance of DE coursework by my employer (present and/or future). Any program would have to be accredited and widely accepted.

xxx.xx1.161.233 I have taken distance-education courses before and like the ability to course work at more-or-less my own pace. Getting an MLS at a distance would be great.

xxx.xx.89.101 As I already have an MLS and a library job that is full time, I don't really need too and can't afford to "go back to school," but I feel I do need continuing education of more depth than what can be provided in a weekend seminar. I need to learn microsoft access in an indepth structured way. I need to get more insight into collection development in this electronic age. I need to know more about personnel issues in library land. I can't afford to pay \$600 for each class.

x.xx.211.98 I am a GSLIS UT alumni. I live an hour away from U of I in C/U and would rather take distance ed classes from UT. I hear A Lot of negative information about the U of I program from traditional and non-traditional students. Hook 'em Horns!

xxx.xx9.193.220 cost, time involved, textbook costs

xxx.xx.188.22 Time involved in the program. How long to complete?

I need to find an MLS program that will do distance learning. I simply cannot move to another state (or to a different part of California) to complete the MLS.

xxx.xx.89.101 I would consider a class done via video, but not one in which I have to read and write everything. I find I don't do well in classes where a real human being is not the teacher and is not present for questions, encouragement, etc. I do not learn well by reading.

Distance education is a poor substitute for a real education which involves being on a campus with other students in many disciplines, free lectures, theatre, music student and other publications, possibly an art gallery or museum, student union, student lounges, faculty in all disciplines that vary in teaching methods and abilities, faculty to discuss class material or life in general with, other students to hang out with, get moral support from, get book and music recommendations from--and good grocery book, etc sources from. The most important aspect of higher education is the campus atmosphere and interaction with faculty and students and access to the campus bookstore and library, etc. I am very concerned that there will be a whole lower class of higher education, even worse than community colleges that will be distance education--where students get a degree without getting a real education. Of course it will be the people who can't afford to attend a real college or university that get the pretend education. Again stigmatizing the poor and ethnic minorities and those with disabilities.

xxx.xx1.158.92 I feel that distance education fills a void that needs to be met. Many people would and do benefit from being able to take college courses that will adapt to their schedule.

xxx.xx8.217.252 Would like to know possibilities of post-MS degree....

xxx.xx4.84.3 How much it would cost and would there be any on campus time required.

xxx.xx3.225.27 accreditation, amount of \$\$ involved, what's diff about your program than Syr or So Fla?

xxx.xx.46.23 Cost/Financial Aid

xxx.xx8.212.44 Length of program, cost,
If you do decide to offer a distance program I would be interested in getting a catalog. Lbowman 461
Riggs, Emmett, ID 83617

xxx.xx2.4.36 This does sound very interesting, but is there a required visit to Austin? and How often
and for how long? Those are my main concerns.

xxx.xx1.70.197 COST WOULD ALSO BE A MAJOR FACTOR

xxx.xx5.132.143 cost

xxx.xx4.228.97 I have my MLS but have been interested in the archival certificated UT offers. Because
of the location and family, I am not able to move to Texas.

xxx.xx.75.70 time involved; price; classes available
I am a school librarian and would like to take continuing-education classes or workshops, but public school
time and university time don't mesh.

xxx.xx.50.111 cost, inc. possibility of out-of-state fees
Might be interested in continuing educ. if not available in-state if cost low and subject interesting from
prof. dev. viewpoint.

xxx.xx.187.2 cost, course offerings
I currently am a media generalist. That is the Idaho requirement for school librarians. I've taken most of
the related courses offered by our colleges and universities. I'm always on the look out for courses related
to my fields.

xxx.xx.176.72 Unavailable to locate to Austin

xxx.xx3.85.19 My colleagues who have tried distance-education courses have found them very
unsatisfying.
I am actually attending distance courses through the University of Arizona for Library Science. Of course,
UofA is having accreditation problems right now. If Texas had distance courses offered and had only very
minimal (or no) residency requirements, I would seriously consider applying to the program.

xxx.xx50.102 One of the biggest challenges we, as a library, face is recruiting professional staff. Most
folks are not willing to relocate for a year or two, or drive hundreds of miles each week to obtain a degree
that pays very little, or even less, than a B.A.

xxx.xx.112.178 I would enjoy taking a distance education class in library science. I already have my
MLS, but I might take an additional class every so often. It just depends on what classes were offered,
where, when, etc. Good luck with the survey!

xxx.xx.121.118 what courses are available

xxx.xx2.22.158 good luck with the survey and developing DL programs.
I would be most interested in Web-based courses, not teleconferencing.

xxx.xx8.12.97 program must be highly rated; cost should be significantly lower than on-campus courses,
time constraints for employed people should be taken into consideration when assigning deadlines for
course work (ie. those of us in the real world), courses should be highly relevant
My interest would be in 1 of 2 areas: CE classes to update skills; or a certificate in an area I'm not already
working in. If I work in an academic or special library, I might be interested in a certificate in school,
public, or children's services, and vice versa. I would expect a distance class to be very well thought-out,

interesting, and making use of all the technology available. In lieu of class discussion, a teleconference once a month or so would be acceptable & useful.

xxx.xx.115.172 Scheduling, Only interested in Continuing Education

xxx.xx.240.200 price, agree with my school, agree with my job
Thank for your time. I hope the information useful for you. Claudia.

xxx.xx6.33.83 tuition amounts, time involved both amount and time of day, contacts if I have questions:
would I be able to talk to someone locally or on the phone if I have questions?

From what I have found, there are very few schools offering a MLS degree through distance learning, I would like having more options in my education, especially if I can keep my current job while I obtain my degree.

xxx.xx6.128.48 I cannot afford the \$300+ costs that distance learning usually costs. I certainly can't afford to pay out of state tuition, r & b, etc., nor can I afford to pay r&b for instate.
I would be very interested in pursuing an MLS degree through distance learning if it could be made affordable. I can't afford to pay what is charged, and I can't afford to attend out of state. It certainly puts me in a quandary.

xxx.xx4.64.194 I live in Oregon. At this time, Oregon does not have an MLS program-they did in the past. I would be very interested in a program I could participate in without relocation or at a cost higher than a resident of Texas would pay. Thank you.

xxx.xx82.35 I wish there was more available that would allow some type of facilitator relationship with librarians at library where employment is currently maintained (in conjunction with the actual degree program)

xxx.xx82.35 ~cost, ~time required on campus

xxx.xx4.163.20 I feel distance education benefits from a mix of distance and on-campus (i.e. in person) requirements. (Perhaps short summer sessions?)

xxx.xx.98.138 Would be more interested in a PhD or a non-thesis. Doctor of Information Science via distance ed.

xxx.xx7.178.44 Courses available, Cost
I have MLS. My interest is in continuing education. Thanks for asking.

xxx.xx.253.11 Would any of the credits I earned in the MLS program at UT-Austin in 1985-86 count towards a current distance MLS degree?
I would be very interested in learning more about a distance program at UT-Austin; when I was there it was a pretty good school, and I was sorry I had to move away and was unable to complete my MLS. Good luck with your survey and your plans.

xxx.xx7.153.28 I already have an MLS and am employed as a professional, specifically as a cataloger. I would like more coursework in LC, and authority work.

xxx.xx4.53.238 Good continuing-education programs, offered at a reasonable fee, seem to be scarce-- whether on the web or in person. Having such a course available on the web would enable librarians interested in learning more about technology advances or other developments in the profession would be useful.

xxx.xx0.22.39 It would have to be available completely via the web, no short stay requirements or visits to the campus required.

I've taken one web based class and it was great. Most schools offer some classes on the web, but ultimately require time on campus, which for me really defeats the point. I might take continuing ed. that way, but I will probably end up getting my MLS from the closest school possible unless the web option manifests in the next 12 months.

I think teleconferencing would be a good addition to the web-based classes. The class I took also offered chat rooms as a place for students to compare notes and discuss assignments, as well as a place for questions/discussion with the instructor or TA's. I hope you decide to implement this.

xxx.xx0.10.69 No questions concerning computer competencies, self motivation factors, class presentation options, local resources

xxx.xx.16.60 Cost of living. Loss of income. Cost of relocating.
I'm very interested in the possibility of continuing my education through a distance-education program. Thank you for the opportunity to express my interest through this survey.

xxx.xx3.11.174 price; no. of courses required for degree
For people who work full-time like myself and live quite far from a MLS degree granting institution, distance education would be very desirable.

xxx.xx8.152.96 Price for out of state students would probably be the only obstacle.
I have been trying to find good distance ed LIS courses to continue the work I started with my MLS. I have a great job in a library now, but I am not near a library school. I think this would be a great idea.

xxx.xx2.24.240 I think having distance education on this particular degree would be a benefit to the people who work in libraries up here. I hope it is under serious consideration. Thank you for this survey.

xxx.xx.130.45 Currently enrolled in Emporia State University's MLS distance-education program held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Considered applying to UT-Austin's program, but am unable to relocate even for a short time. I would not apply/attend a program that consisted entirely of Internet classes.

xxx.xx.237.44 cost of out of state tuition; no. of credits needed for grad.; amt. of time spent on campus
please publish follow up info on PUBYAC

xxx.xx.157.241 Topics? Cost? No travel?
I already have a MLS from the Univ. of Ala. and am a Director of a system with 10 libraries. I would be interested in taking non-degree-credit courses in Administration, Archives.

xxx.xx.29.137 True Distance Education Service With Downlink Classes Local Cohort Not Necessary for Me
I am currently completing a Bachelor's Degree of Guided Studies in Appalachian Studies. I live in a rural area and the courses I need to pursue my subject are offered at a number of institutions, all requiring an hour or two commute one-way. I have completed some courses in a distance education format and prefer that, so I can keep working (an economic necessity) and pursue a degree also.

xxx.xx.23.2 Although distance education may be more practical and efficient, an in-person classroom experience is still my preferred method of education. After spending 8+ hrs./day at a computer & using the web for work, I would have to be very highly motivated to pursue further education via the web in the evenings and on weekends. Regarding the survey, I was anticipating a question or two as to which particular courses or topics would be of interest.

xxx.xx.160.198 1. I applied and was accepted for a program in Edinburg, Texas, but was dropped from the class, because the tuition check that I sent TWU was forwarded to another campus by mistake. By the time they figured out what had happened, their Business Office would not accept my check, because I had "missed" the deadline. I did not think this was fair to me, because I had sent in all my paperwork, money, etc. on time, and they messed up, but yet there was no one I spoke to that could help me. There was an instructor at another campus that tried, but when it came down to the end the Business Office won. If you

have this program, please make sure that there is someone that will be able to help the students when something like this happens. It was very frustrating to me. 2. Is there some type of test that someone can take that would exempt them from some classes. I have worked at a library for 23 years and have learned a lot about each department and I feel my work experience could take the place of some of the classes. I think that distance education is a wonderful concept, and I hope that your program will fly. Just be sure that all the kinks are worked out prior to the beginning of your program.

xxx.xx6.207.4 I would be interested in pursuing a bachelors degree and an MLS. I have 1 1/2 years of college and 18 years experience working in a public library. 12 years cataloging using MARC format. Also catalog AV material. I have a family and would be interested in distance education if it were affordable. Something that I could complete on my own without attending a University out of State.

xxx.xx8.145.123 Distance-education studentss should not have to pay the same fees that UT campus students pay. I am not flying 500 miles to use UT facilities. Distance education would be wonderful if students could afford it. It is unreasonable to ask distance students to pay UT campus facility fees. UT should also have tuition reimbursement for its own employees. UT is an educational institution that does not believe in education, because it will not educate its own library employees, and it does not pay the library employees enough to afford it.

xxx.xx.220.6 I would be very interested in distance education. There are certain classes that I would have liked to have taken while in Library school, but didn't have time to. In my present situation I am unable to take any further library science classes because there are no schools in the local area that offer them. So distance education would be very helpful.

xxx.xx9.185.5 I would hope the program is very focused on new ways of delivering info. services. I was unsatisfied with another MLIS program not ready for the advanced technology student - frankly I was bored waiting for my professors to grasp HTML, etc. I think web-based distance ed. is a much better experience than telecasting. On the west coast, MLIS schools are very rare and I believe the program would be very well received. But now, how do I make good use of that in-state tuition wavier? Can you collaborate w/ someone over here in AZ?

xxx.xx7.62.130 Quality of faculty; access to resources; interaction with classmates and faculty. The usual concerns re distance learning
I think this is a great idea to pursue. I was in Denver, Colorado for some time and wanted to go to library school and had no options. I think this could be a boost to the profession.

xxx.xx.2.198 Web based classes. Cost and courses available.
I feel distance education is great. But for those interested it would have to boil down to more web based instruction with a list serve. And what would be the required stay on campus for the program. One year would really be stretching it for those who are full-time employed.

xxx.xx3.170.234 the cost of the courses would be the most important piece of information.

xxx.xx4.52.66 Tuition rate for out of state
I am very interested in continuing-education classes for librarians. My job responsibilities have changed dramatically from when I started 11 years ago. I am always playing catch-up with new skills.

xxx.xx190.88 Cost of school/living, Credit transfer to other institutions. The residency requirement. I am interested in distance education, especially the idea of being able to take the best possible offerings that an instution has--that way one has the chance to learn from many different areas in the same general field of study.
I would be most concerned about the transfer of credits and the use of credits toward a degree.

xxx.xx2.222.100 May distance-education courses be taken by someone already in Austin? Would any in-class time be required? What about research for classes, required or not? I would presume that most of the classes would be via computer, correct? Or would the classes be offered via compressed video? Would this

program be applicable for an advanced degree such as a PhD? Day time classes are difficult for me to attend, would classes be offered in the evenings?

See number 5 above. I would like to work on a PhD but have limited time during the day to attend classes because of my present position. I think that the idea of distance education, even for those of us living in the Austin area would be great if the course content would be equal to the same standards as on-campus courses.

xx.xxx.64.62 cost, limited residency, course requirements

xxx.xx4.98.2 Some distance learning courses require at least some time spent on campus. I would find this very difficult to do.

xxx.xx.156.2 I would be strongly interested in taking course work through the Extension Division which would provide me with preparation for a possible shift in my career focus from public libraries to law libraries. I live within 30 miles of both UNT and TWU, but neither school makes such coursework available to the best of my knowledge.

xxx.xx8.249.9 No reservations. I can't take a year off. Taking a year off is based on only women becoming librarians, with husbands to support them while they take a year off, and is a sexist and outdated assumption.

Survival of many, perhaps all, library schools may well depend on distance education, as funds and distance make abandoning a job impossible ("Leave"? what's "Leave"? Oh - you pretend you didn't quit and get replaced, I see.) I might work for a doctorate, but I can't just quit and still pay for it, and in this field, a doctorate does not necessarily make you more employable anywhere outside a library school. I have staff who would like to take some courses to become paraprofessionals but can't afford to quit and go study.

xxx.xx.142.6 Having all the course work available via the Internet would be convenient. I hope that distance education in this field will be available from UT in the near future.

xxx.xx4.114.200 A year is a long time to travel out of town. Especially when I work a full-time job, and traffic is terrible

My thoughts regarding distance education is if I don't understand a question or the assignment, then who can I contact for clarification?

xxx.xx7.18.44 Since I am an alumna of University of Illinois, it is more likely that I would pursue continuing-education opportunities through their distance ed. program. From my knowledge of U of I's LEEP program, I think distance education is a wonderful concept. I hope you are able to make it an option for those who can take advantage of it.

xx.xxx.132.2 Distance Education is a hot issue right now, and in theory it seems a good idea. But I wonder at what's lost in the face-to-face contact with teachers and other students. People used to say all the positive things about the Internet and how much money and time it would save us...yet studies now show that people who spend excessive time on the Internet are often feel depressed and isolated. I think that an education is more than just the things you learn from the books. Yet, for those who have an active family life, disabilities, or some other obstacle to getting to the University, this program could be a blessing. I do know that the State Library started a program where students traveled to U of Ill on Fridays only and took classes (transport funded by the state) and it seems to have worked great. There was an article about it in a recent issue of Illinois Libraries.

xxx.xx.116.21 cost of the classes, time given to complete

I hold a current Elem. Ed. teaching cert. and would like to attain a MLS if it were feasible to me. Currently I work in an elementary school library but paid as a classified position.

xxx.xx72.99 Could residential courses be done in the summer; would cost be the same for on-campus and distance learning courses?

xxx.xx.132.10 cost
Oughtn't it to be cheaper than the resident courses?

xxx.xx8.198.22 Would a degree obtained via the web be held with the same regard as a degree obtained in a more traditional way? Would you gain the same knowledge you would without the interaction with a live professor?

xxx.xx.234.131 Assurance they would be really good and cover the things you need to know.
I supervised distance education classes for Indiana Vocational & Technical College for an year and a half. They require more self-discipline than regular classes. I am presently enrolled in a distance education class in Library Science from Indiana University in Bloomington (I live in South Bend) but the class selection is limited.

xxx.xx.181.231 The program at Austin is very attractive, but I don't want to relocate my family to Austin for a 1-year+ program (amounting to 2 salaries and a slew of childcare/education and housing issues-- despite the fact that Austin is a lively city). The Syracuse University MLS program is as attractive as UT-Austin's MLS program. Unfortunately, the distance ed. component is VERY expensive (about \$17K) and requires 2 or 3 visits to Syracuse; visits which are also costly and disruptive to those students who are also parents and job holders. I would definitely consider UT-Austin if all the requirements could be completed as distance ed. A one-time on-site orientation is acceptable to me. Regarding other local (Bay Area) options: SJSU's MLIS program is not especially vigorous and the commute is a killer (into the heart of Silicon Valley--might as well be another planet). UC Berkeley's SIMS program is not ALA-accredited and appears to be little concerned with libraries generally. Lack of MLIS programs is a real problem in Northern California. I live and work in Berkeley (at UCB, as an LA) and the options are slim. Thanks for looking into expanding the options for MLIS distance education.

xxx.xx4.114.185 Regarding Extension courses: I would be interested in this option if my employer, who only accepts graduate credit coursework toward promotion and tenure accepted these classes; otherwise, I am locked into taking graduate level courses.

xxx.xx4.228.76 I would not be able to relocate to Texas, or take more than a week off from work.
If it would be possible to obtain an MLS without attending classes at UT, I would appreciate some more information on your program. Please send any fliers regarding this program to: Laura Cox 1401 N 4th St #216 Flagstaff, AZ 86004

xxx.xx255.81 Distance Education really allows the flexibility needed by many adults in continuing their education, when they have other commitments. I have been greatly appreciative of my distance-education program, and am a graduate of Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

xxx.xx8.159.42 Financial aid opportunities
I would love to see more opportunities nationwide to pursue graduate degrees via distance education.

xxx.xx8.84.196 Losing current job; Getting temp. job in Austin.

xxx.xx7.36.53 I would be interested in pursuing a Doctorate in LS via Distance Ed.

xxx.xx.163.137 Time away from home, I'm a single mother.
I would love to continue my education, but Library Science is all I would want and it is not available for me. I cannot drive 60 miles (plus 30 to my home) one way to night school.

xxx.xx.136.184 Courses must be accredited same as those taken in Austin; Relevance of offerings to my continuing ed needs or interests.
I'm not sure it would be a good idea to do a whole MLIS by distance ed - interacting with other students and using a good library are important aspects of the degree. I have my MLIS and would be interested in either taking an occasional continuing ed class or doing the additional certificate of specialization at some

point. I would be interested in doing this by distance ed if at the time I am not near enough to any program to attend in person. However I would probably prefer driving 1-2 hours for classes over doing distance ed from home. The other thing is there would need to be some provision for good library services for the distance ed students. Where I work now we sometimes get Webster U. and U of Phoenix students, who apparently get absolutely no library services from their institutions, apart from the advice to "try local libraries". We rarely have what they need. I would not take classes under those conditions.

xxx.xx6.71.75 I'm really concerned about how much out-of-state tuition would cost, even if it's for a distance ed class. If I knew that the cost would be comparable to what I'd pay if a program was available in my state, I'd be VERY likely to pursue it. Even though I've lived in Austin for three years while my husband was in grad school at UT, I couldn't, at this point, mover there for a year. Even moving for a summer would be tough.

xxx.xx6.194.75 likelihood of doctoral courses being offered online

xxx.xx1.108.211 1. subject matter 2. cost

I have real reservations about distance ed. But, in the case of continuing ed, I think it is quite feasible. I'm particularly interested in visual resources topics and art-related topics. UT-Austin used to have a continuing ed. summer program for new visual resources curators which is sorely missed.

xxx.xx0.14.117 Would pass/fail be an option for continuing-education students?

I would not be interested in earning a doctorate, but I would like to have a better grasp of the changes affecting the work that I do. It would benefit my peace of mind and it would benefit my employer.

xx.xx.219.151 What kind of time commitment/class schedule would be involved? Would I do two classes at once, or could I focus on one at a time? Is a computer required? How computer literate do I need to be?

For people living in remote parts of the state (anywhere far from Denton and Austin), a distance ed ALA-accredited program would be a godsend. Kinda' feel sorry for all those who did the three-summer commute, though...

xxx.xx7.13.210 Recognition of units earned

Lots of people would probably like to "dabble" at interesting topics, but not put in the time and effort needed to actually earn units at a graduate or post-graduate level.

xxx.xx.21.81 accreditation, quality, content

I've taken two distance-education courses with varying success. One was a French course conducted partially over television, the other was a Library-science course conducted jointly with a remote class. Both had advantages and disadvantages, and neither were true distance-education courses, because each had a classroom component. The technology involved can often be the most problematic part, as it can delay things considerably when there are glitches in the system.

xxx.xx.141.27 I am a very busy mother of three and a part-time reference assistant. I am very interested in taking graduate level Lib. &/or Info. Sci. classes without necessarily committing to a Master's program at this time in my life.

xxx.xx.245.175 quality of the course, relevance to here and now application

Pupyac discussions format make be helpful. Distance learning can be very impersonal. Add the personal touch and more people would participate.

xxx.xx7.252.94 Time it takes to complete the lessons, famiy support, price

xxx.xx.145.103 Please let me know if this becomes available, Thanks

xx.xx.218.45 Would my school district accept the credit for advancement on the pay scale?

xxx.xx4.111.186 cost & availability of financial aid; pace, family obligations might hinder my progress at time, need to be flexible; choices of mJOR interest

there will be more distance education all the time; cost will still be a factor, many who are place bound also have limited resources to obtain higher degrees. Also job markets vary, particularly whether or not you are willing to relocate, and that can depend upon your family needs

x.xx.15.94 I am highly interested in distance education. I have an MSLS (Kentucky), but now run a service helping people find suitable distance learning programs. See my website at <http://diplomassist.virtualave.net>

xxx.xx3.197.211 cost, credits, specifics of courses requirements, time required

I have never done distance education and don't know enough about it. Any course would have to be at the graduate level for me to get credit from my district.

xxx.xx0.158.174 I graduated from UT-Austin in 1969. I would rather not take the GRE.

I am a US citizen currently residing in Seoul, S. Korea. I return to Texas for the summer and Christmas vacations. This is my third year working as a library assistant in a K-12 international school. I am exploring various options for obtaining a graduate degree. My undergraduate degree is a BA in Political Science and History with a minor in Education.

xxx.xx9.70.200 The opportunities to pursue accredited library-science education in the mountain west is very limited. Any opportunities to take classes via the Internet, correspondence, etc. would be extremely helpful to me and many of my colleagues.

xx.xx.145.155 I think you meant to put reservations about question #4. I would want to know the cost, whether you would accept grad credits from another college to meet part of the requirements, how long would I have to spend at the U., would you require the degree to be finished in a certain amount of time, and what are your requirements to get into your grad school? Regarding question 7, I am a library media specialist which I consider a library employee and an educator. Would the tuition be different if you are not a resident of Texas, even for a distance course?

xxx.xx9.115.18 contact with the professors, like meeting them in person.

I live in Denver and will be starting in the next Emporia program because they bright the professors to me. That's so much more important than how good a distance class is, when you can see the professor right in front of you.

xxx.xx7.36.208 degree considered authentic by others? How much money? How long will it take? Are there considerations for equipment and communication and software difficulties and/or telecom problems? You need to put another category in your highest degree #9. Some graduate work, no degree.

I love distance education and want an MLS. I would jump at a chance to get my education any way I could. Bring in the cataloging and basic reference courses dropped by so many LIS school curriculums.

xxx.xx.141.121 If you have been a library manager for approximately 14 years, but have no college degree, is there any hope of becoming a certified librarian without attending years of college? Do 14 years of experience & countless workshops and seminars count for anything? I truly enjoy library work. Thank you.

xxx.xx7.7.23 Because I have worked in the library environment for a combination of 8 years (public, law, and academic libraries), I feel that it would be beneficial to me. Distant Learning Program would be the only realistic way of me obtaining my MLS. Universities who offer MLS degrees should offer distant learning options, please.

xxx.xx2.0.3 cost, timing of courses

xxx.xx.55.158 I would be interested in a Certificate of Advanced Study if offered by distance part time residence (summer). I already hold a M.A. in Information Resources and Library Science, but need to continue course work to obtain promotion an tenure in an academic library.

xxx.xx.206.99 I am currently under warrant for arrest in the State of Texas, because I shot a man who was messing with my woman.

xxx.xx.43.151 NIL
Asian Distance Education is very useful to employer.

xx.xxx.121.33 Would a degree through distance learning be seen by employers as of lesser status than one taken on-site?

xxx.xx8.0.208 Cost? Analysis of lengthy coursework completed. Time frame.

xxx.xx2.100.41 1. Price of tuition fees 2. Relevance of content 3. Technological requirements
1. Distance ed is a big deal already in Australia - check out the Charles Sturt University Library school (www.csu.edu.au) 2. UT@A is competing in global marketplace. 3. Refresher / continuing subjects in medical librarianship are what interests me.

xxx.xx.114.23 Costs, Can it all be done at a distance?

xxx.xx3.3.11 cost and relevance outside USA

xxx.xx8.50.58 Flexible organization. Part-time studying.

xxx.xx4.8.42 J just enter in this field after a teaching activity, so I have been pursuing courses all my life

xxx.xx4.8.42 programs and cost

xxx.xx.163.179 -payment -schedule

Actually this survey reminded me of the possibility of distance education. As far as I am concerned I believe it would be the only possibility for me to "stay up to date" or even acquire a higher professional degree since I do spend

very much time at work and there is no University close by which offers Library courses.

xxx.xx1.133.133 content of courses, applicability to present job, time required, cost
I'm interested to see if distance education would work from Europe.

xxx.xx0.135.70 Part of the courses should be attended in the states (at least for one semester)
I'd like to do my MLS . Part of it by long distance education, and going to the states for at least one or two semesters.

xxx.xx5.254.53 The high cost of further study prevents a black South African of my age group with family commitments to get a library qualification. My fist goal was to obtain a matriculation certificate , which I hope to obtain December 1999. I have been working in a library all my life and like the work. Distance education would be the only solution for me, but I will need bursaries to enable me to do so. The local university no longer offers a library course.

xxx.xx0.135.190 Tuition fees of most of these distance learning programs is exaggerately high especially for an overseas student. some crucial facts in the DM to take distance edu. classes: - Fees - number of visits to the campus (for an overseas student this will be a very costly dimension)

xxx.xx0.91.24 1. Availability of learning materials. 2. Adequate supervision of course work. 3. Length of time covering the programme. 4. Recognition given to your degrees. 5. Actual cost.

xxx.xx8.248.101 Availability of funds, Reliability of telecommunications in our part of the world

xxx.xx.31.224 I live in Europe

xxx.xx8.136.2 "Out of state" or non-resident tuition cost?

There is an element or irony that a professional discipline that will entail much personal interaction can be degreed without any personal interaction from our peers and tutors merely for the sake of the tyranny of convenience or necessity or the almighty dollar!

xxx.xx.115.20 I don't have any reservations about distance education. For me it would be absolutely perfect. I have a bachelor's degree in Library Science and would love to be able to have a MLS. I have been working in libraries all my adult life. I have an undergraduate degree on Library Science and never had the time (because of family obligations) to take a graduate course. I see distance education (MLS) as a way to make my dream come true.

xxx.xx6.90.20 Cost; length of time

xxx.xx6.145.82 I would need to check that the school was ALA-approved
I'd like to see distance-education courses which could be completed without any stay on a university campus

xxx.xx.234.48 professional instructors, well-implemented web instruction

xxx.xx.80.1 The knowledge being made available would need to be highly relevant to my current position. The survey seems confused about what constitutes ethnicity/race, etc. Last time I checked most Hispanics were likely to be Caucasian.

xxx.xx.82.175 I think web-based programs are wonderful and I am glad they are finally been developed and used.

I am currently enrolled in a Distance-education program for Library Science from Clarion University in Pennsylvania. Web-based programs open up the door for many interested people who might normally be able to take classes in the traditional setting. This is also the reason why I didn't answer #2!! Good Luck with the survey.

xxx.xx5.44.58 As a mother and full time employee I am looking for a program I can fit around my lifestyle unfortunately most programs seem to expect me to fit to them. This is twice as bad as I live in Georgia, a state that does not have a ALA accredited Library Degree program
I am finishing my Bachelors and AM going to get my MLS its just a matter of time. I would be very interested in any Distance Learning classes you develop. Please keep me informed

xxx.xx6.17.35 type of course, I have a specific interest in document management and text & resource encoding
I find odd and even off putting to be asked about ethnicity. It does not make sense in an international context.

xxx.xx81.137 I live in Carrboro, NC, next door to the SILS at Chapel Hill. I would be most likely to sign up for courses here if they fit my schedule. However, most classes are day classes in the regular SILS program and all continuing-education workshops are offered on Fridays, for a whole or half day. I am about to graduate from SILS with my MSLS and expect to take continuing-education courses regularly. A distance-education program that allowed me to work on my own time, without taking time off from work, would be ideal.

xxx.xx.184.5 really depends on the course -- it shouldn't be available at the local lib. school

xxx.xx.199.1 I think that distance education is a necessity in the area of LIS, because courses in this area are not always available readily - even if you live in a large urban area with 2 universities. I did not obtain an MLIS for that very reason, and would love to know more about opportunities.

xxx.xx3.150.98 I am always looking for distance-education courses in Library and Information Science. I have a MLIS degree but continually strive to update my skills. My problem is that the majority of distance courses are available through U.S. colleges/universities and I reside in Canada. The exchange rate is not good which makes the tuition costs extremely high.

xxx.xx0.130.73 Cost savings would be a major incentive for distance education. That is provided that the program did not duplicate the provincial practices of in- versus out-of-state and the fees had some reasonable relationship to the costs of the courses. I would prefer that tuition go towards faculty and related resources for the class and not the bricks and mortar for buildings to house university administration drones.

xxx.xx2.215.170 No reservations. Taking a year off is impossible. I am desperately trying to find a program that will allow me to keep working yet earn my MLS completely via the Internet. Taking a month or some other amount of time for a residency requirement is not an option. Price is always a consideration naturally, but I'm just trying to find anything now. Please contact me if you develop plans to offer a full MLS via the Internet. I need you and I'm sure that many others do as well. Best of luck with your survey. Gary Atwood

xxx.xx.104.199 I've never attended any distance education classes so I'm rather conservative. From my point of view it would be more efficient to study in Austin, because staying there I wouldn't be distracted by everyday problems concerning my my, family, friends etc. I could be devoted to the course completely. And what's more, it would be nice to spend some time abroad and get new professional experience.

xxx.xx86.23 Currently completing Masters in Information Systems. Would want to see curriculum to make sure it is complementary to degree completing now. I have taken distance learning classes and appreciate the opportunity to complete a degree program without having to attend classes in person.

xxx.xx2.63.66 Distance education is the catch all title for a lot of different approaches. Before being able to decide whether to pursue additional coursework. I'm hoping to pursue a doctorate via distance education -- I know it is a heresy to not be located in academe for a doctorate. It really is the next barrier to cross for a lot of us who have multiple master's degrees. The market for an online MLS is crowded and getting more so every year. If the option would have been available in 1995-96, I probably would have pursued it harder. I ended up driving from Chicagoland to Urbana every Friday for four semesters to get my degree. 325 or so miles is a Sunday drive in Texas, but for me it was a long commute. As a result of spending that many hours on the road and trying to slip home between rush hours during the two Illinois seasons (Winter and Highway Construction) I ended up using the GSLIS library exactly once -- to hand a book to circulation for one of the professors. I was on class to sit my backside in a chair in a room to get my degree. I used the resources in Chicagoland to perform my work. I wasn't there to get good grades. It was frustrating to me and frustrating to my professors to have someone ask "When was the last time you sat at a reference desk and helped patrons?" I'm starting my 5th & 6th courses out of 16 to get an MBA in International Development via the Internet. I'm hoping to go on eventually to get a doctorate, but with three kids that really enjoy sleeping indoors and eating food I can't quit my job to pursue a dream that frankly won't pay much more than what I am making now. I would love to study in a PhD or EdD looking at distance education and the ways that educational institutions can adapt to new technology and new perspectives. Once I hear about the program, I suspect that I would be pleased to enroll - hopefully at in-state tuition by the way -- to study the phenomenon. Depending on how one counts it, I'm on my second distance education master's. I would love being able to move on. Hopefully the education establishment won't continue to get in the way of my learning.

xxx.xx.240.192 What I would be interested in, and I think there are other people like me, would be continuing-education courses, offered at a reasonable price, completely on-line. I got my MLS from Rutgers

in 1995, but now live far from any college with library-science courses. I would love to be able to take courses to keep me up to date and excited about my career.

xxx.xx8.99.215 Communications options with faculty and other students; purchase/access to class materials.

xxx.xx2.161.2 At the moment, am more interested in BA level courses (since I don't have one). Computer courses at that level would tie in nicely with the MLA program, don't you think? Given my salary, they would also need to be reasonably priced. Maybe even cheap.

xxx.xx9.24.53 The one year stay requirement immediately causes concern. Since I am currently employed in a medical library and intend to work throughout the MLS courses, relocating is not an option for me.

xxx.xx.138.249 The most crucial factor for me is the distance. If I could complete coursework from home I would definitely be interested.

I am thrilled that you are even considering this move. For two years I have been trying to find out more about such programs. Currently, UNT and TWU are offering courses close to us but not close enough. I heard this week from their school that they are planning to offer courses at UT Tyler beginning next fall. I was shocked that UT would give up their turf like that. I earned my BS at UT Tyler and would very much like to earn an MLS from UT rather than UNT or TWU but if they get here first there are about ten of us that will go for it. Good luck. Wish you could beat them to the punch!

xxx.xx.125.11 That distance education would be recognized by ALA. Classes already taken at another MLS library could be transferred.

I am already a graduate student at Wayne State University in Deetroit Michigan. My library system has now based salaries and advancement based on MLS degrees. Being able to take courses long distance from an excellent university such as yours would be extremely useful to me. I would appreciate knowing if this may be an option in the near future.

xxx.xx4.252.131 I live in Wisconsin. I have an MLS. I work full time as a librarian. I have always wanted to get archive training. UW Madison has a program but the courses are not usually offered when I can take them (at night, on weekends). Milwaukee also has a program but that's too far to drive. I think programs that can accommodate working people and allow for distance learning will find that there are many people out there who need these services.

xxx.xx6.32.71 I am currently taking distance-education courses from IU, and we have been having a lot of technical difficulties at our site. It is difficult to let yourself get really involved in the class, when the system can (and does) go down often and for long periods of time. Some of the students drive a long way to get to our site, then get frustrated with the breakdowns and leave early.

If your web-based system would be reliable, and not too expensive, I already know a half-dozen people who would be very interested.

xxx.xx0.220.100 i was happy to see the survey but would like an opportunity to leave my name and address so that you can contact me when you have the program in place. just in case you want this :Sharon Smith, 3311 Winterbourne Rd. Baltimore, Md 21216

xxx.xx0.117.26 I'm taking classes now online from CSU online... take a look at what they are doing... I live in PA and so far really like the courses... I will not take GRE's again so unless they wave that admissions requirement I will not pursue a degree with them. I would like to eventually get the degree, though. Online CSU courses have a waiting list so I think you would be wise to look into putting a degree program online. I have learned a great deal so far and have been happy with the courses I've taken. My only criticism is that the courses are aimed at Connecticut students. There are aspects of librarianship In CT that do not apply to PA. That would be something to be aware of.

xxx.xx6.215.56 I am currently working on an undergrad degree in Montana and would like to eventually work on a MLS degree. Unfortunately, the program is not offered in MT and I am place-bound with family obligations. I will definitely have to consider distance education if I am to work on an MLS in the future. Thank you.

xxx.xx9.16.113 I would prefer (and benefit from) being in a classroom setting where I could interact with other students and instructors. Sitting alone in front of a computer is less than ideal, particularly in terms of bouncing ideas off each other and moral support from others who are just as frustrated as you are.

xxx.xx.204.122 cost

xxx.xx0.153.5 Since I already have an MLS I would only interested in continuing education and would not ever move to Texas to do that.

xxx.xx7.133.52 I live within 20 minutes of the #1 rated library school in the country (UNC-CH) and I would take classes there -- if they offered what I want in a time frame I could attend classes. I am interested in changing my career focus from school libraries to health sciences librarianship within the next 5 - 10 years, and if you offered classes on-line that would help my career change, and UNC SILS didn't offer them or offered them at inconvenient times (I have an infant and will have more by the time I go back to work), I would take them on-line. Question #10 has an overlap in ages. I'm 30, so do I feel more like I'm 25-30, or 30-40? After reflection, I feel more like I'm 25-30...

But seriously... I don't know what the UT course framework is like, but I do know that one focus in on-line library/info. science classes that is very needed is courses that satisfy the school librarian requirements. Many states require an M.L.S. to be a school librarian, but those same states do not have library schools. School librarianship is a career that is often chosen by a teacher who wants to work towards the M.L.S. degree, but if there's no school of Lib. Science near to her/him, it's impossible to get the degree. Many of these people own houses, have families, etc., which makes it difficult to go to full-time grad. school for 2 years, like I did when I was younger and unencumbered.

xxx.xx.57.220 I have an MSLS and have greatly benefited from continuing education at the Rare Book School at UVa and at the Oxford-Berkeley Summer Program.

xxx.xx19.167 Availability of faculty via email or phone for consultation. Have taken D.E. courses with UNT SLIS, and lack of assistance from office staff/faculty when needed was a big problem. When student is not on site, can't stand at someone's desk until fully recognized; more at mercy of someone calling back.

xxx.xx.138.93 I am in the technology end of the library now. Will you be offering something in this field? This is of interest because a lot of library information is through technology, on-line databases, ordering on-line, even the maintenance of library records are automated. A degree for library technology is much desired by me and there is not a school close that offers one, on-line or on campus.

xxx.xx.172.26 Graduate library schools are so few and scattered in Texas that many of us gave up on getting that accredited MLS. This would open that door that has been closed because of geography.

xxx.xx7.68.38 you don't specify what kind of courses you'd be offering. there is a program at rutgers that specializes in children's literature. i am seriously considering enrolling.

xxx.xx.177.240 I am presently completing my last course in an MLS program from the State University of New York at Buffalo. I live in the Rochester, NY area and there are no library schools in my city. I have been either commuting or taking distance ed. courses from UB for my course work. I would have definitely considered the University of Texas program had it been available in a distance learning format. I may still be interested in taking additional courses from your university in this field. Not all of my UB courses have been completely satisfactory.

xxx.xx.65.62 Relevant classes to my position as a librarian.

xxx.xx1.179.123 Information on curriculum and costs.

UT-Austin's reputation is wonderful. I would be particularly interested in CE classes since I already have an MLS and also certification in additional areas like archives, technology, personnel, etc.

xxx.xx5.184.200 price of distance courses would be an important factor. Also, the pace of the course would influence my decisions. I would probably need to proceed a little slower than full time students carrying, say, 16 credit hours. I recently took a distance course and completed lessons and quizzes approx. 1 X per week. I found this ideal and completed the course on time with a very good grade!

I think I've listed my major concerns above. They are the two P's: price and pace. If both of these factors suited me I would pursue a MLS degree remotely. This seems like an obvious type of degree to obtain remotely since libraries deal with the Internet, web, and file transfer on a routine basis!

xxx.xx.184.12 Price, required courses, time involved, hardware/software requirements.

xxx.xx7.54.4 do you mean #4? It would depend on courses since i have my degree

xxx.xx8.140.157 I have my MLS but am interested in getting Ph.D. in library or information sciences. However I will need a scholarship in order to leave for about one year.

xxx.xx4.175.1 Relevance to Canada, Management content, Archival/RM content

1. I tend to be a classroom learner -- although I am comfortable with technology, I prefer human interaction to learn. 2. MLIS offered at our local University of Alberta. It might be valuable for U of Tx to deliver a first-rate distance ed program, in partnership with local library ed programs where they exist, so that they can provide the "human" interaction to students. In other words, you would not only be selling your distant ed program to potential students, but to potential partnering LIS faculties. 3. If I were hiring an MLIS graduate, I would be hesitant if they obtained their degree via distance ed. They would have to demonstrate that they had the opportunity to work with and discuss LIS principles and issues with others, particularly those with relevant professional experience.

xx.xx.1.7 relevant coursework that adds to what i've already taken instead of duplicating it -- specifically, archival studies

currently in a d.e. program, think it's a challenge to make d.e. courses as valuable as face-to-face ones

xxx.xx6.206.226 "Far-Away" will be my main concern!

xxx.xx5.195.51

This would be a valuable asset to those of us, who for various reasons are already in a work situation but would like to add to our education without jeopardizing our current ability to make a living.

xxx.xx.158.241 Whether post MLS coursework or certification will advance me professionally and financially.

xx.xxx.7.209

I am actually in the process of completing my MLS at Emporia State University in Emporia, KS. I chose the program because of the distance learning option. However, if UT had had a completely distance-based program, I certainly would have chosen it (even with having to pay out-of-state tuition). I am responding to this survey because I would be very interested in taking additional MLS courses not available at Emporia as well as working on an advanced certificate or continuing-education opportunities. Distance learning from UT would make this possible. Thank you.

xxx.xx.77.36

I graduated from University of Alberta library school 10 years ago. The reason I'm not too keen in pursuing further education is really not for any of the above reasons at all. I now work in the planning departments for TransCanada Pipelines the 4th largest energy services company. My career has changed significantly since I graduated and therefore would probably pursue some other degree program. Dave

Yadav, B.Comm, M.L.I.S., M.Ed. (403)290-7683. By the way, my M.Ed. was in Distance Education, but from the University of Calgary.

xxx.xx.240.33 I would love to see more web based classes. I think it would give people more choices and make it easier to obtain a higher education!

xxx.xx.31.114 One of the problems our institution fails to address is that of convenience. Often it is not just the actual distance in miles that should be taken into account but rather the ability to juggle one's schedule at home and at work that play the greatest role. I drive 60 miles each day to work, have four children two of which are in school and have activities, and work 40 minimum. Distance courses via the web or some other medium would be a great asset to the continuation of my educational career.

xxx.xx3.212.2 professor involvement, acceptance by future employers of online course work, price for out of state students
Distance education varies greatly from institution to institution. I am currently taking classes through one University (distance learning) and have decided that I would like to switch to another because of the quality and diversity of the classes offered on line. Went to undergraduate during Vietnam and experiencing stressless classes is very pleasant. I have seen the reaction of Academic Librarians to distance learning and it was not positive. A change in mind set must go along with the expansion of distance learning.

xxx.xx.220.7 I already have an MLS and a professional job, so I would just be interested in continuing ed. I wouldn't be interested in relocating or commuting for just that. There are so few library schools (and unfortunately fewer all the time) that distance education options, especially for continuing ed, are likely to become essential in the immediate future.

xxx.xx6.6.3 Interaction with professors and other students would be very low, making the program less than what it would normally be in a conventional university setting.

xxx.xx4.38.146 Not sure I would spend the time for a class that is not accredited or could not be applied to a degree.

xxx.xx4.1.77 Would I need to have a degree in another field first? Can I take one course at a time?
I am a Library Technician graduate.

xxx.xx0.30.43 I had been looking at Texas in hopes to pursue a MLS. The information posted about your distance-education programs is confusing. At one point, I was told I could obtain my MLS completely via the Internet. I was ready to begin the application process. Then, I was told that classes meet certain Saturdays. I live in VA. It would be impossible for me to come to campus ever other week. My fellow co-workers and I are looking for a program that we can continue to work and meet other obligations and pursue our degrees.

xxx.xx2.212.64 unsure of this type of education process

xxx.xx.196.107 i think it is an interesting concept but when i have checked on other programs the cost was prohibitive

xxx.xx.34.59 Would this be an accredited MLS program? How long would the program take to complete thru distance education, and whether there would be any residency requirements for graduation.

xxx.xx.50.22 Acceptance as "real" coursework, not having the be present at the school ever.
Distance education seems to be an answer for those not residing in a place where a library school exists. One of the factors of getting a graduate degree is to better one's career, but with an MLS it seems to carry with it a caste system. Why can't an undergraduate degree be sufficient for a library professional as are engineers? The graduate degree should be used by those planning to become managers, or who want to specialize in an area of librarianship. Distance education would be very helpful since library schools are few and far between.

xxx.xx.154.113 Have not found distance education to be helpful

xxx.xx8.27.46 Value of CDN dollar. American based courses can prove very costly for Canadians. If similar coursework / PD opportunities are available in Canada, cost would be a large factor in the decision-making process.

xxx.xx7.96.168 I cannot relocate to another state because I have a family. I need to finish my undergraduate degree and then would like to pursue my MLS, hopefully using a distance-education program. A distance-education course might be my best avenue for pursuing my goals.

xxx.xx9.208.228 Costs

xxx.xx0.75.103 How about specific "mini degrees" or certificate programs for those of us who want to keep up with informational and instructional technologies? I would dearly love to get a doctorate, but don't have the time or the \$\$\$\$. I could do a three or four-course group of courses on academic library support for distance learners, designing library components in the curriculum, working with faculty to design Web pages, etc. Thanks.

xxx.xx1.121.2 adequate time , very relevant course work (to my position)

xxx.xx.64.152 how frequently and for how long would I have to visit the campus in TX?

xxx.xx.69.227 Concerns about the quality and quantity of student, professor interaction.

xxx.xx1.179.109 I have an MLS and am interested in continuing-education courses via the Web. I received my Master's from Florida State University through their distance-education program. It is a great program and the faculty there would be a great resource for you in your research about distance education.

xxx.xx.238.243 The cost of distance education far exceeds my financial abilities.

xxx.xx2.97.161 Actually, I would prefer to have face-to-face contact with faculty. I have grave reservations about distance ed in a field that is so dependent upon good communications skills with the public.

xxx.xx9.27.49 As a degreed librarian who just switched jobs, I wish to broaden my skills so that I may better adapt. However, time and distance to the nearest library school make this nearly impossible. A Web-based course, if it were effective, could be the solution for me.

xxx.xx4.195.223 Our state, Nevada, does not have an MLS program. We participate in WICHE programs. However, most of our library assistants that have indicated an interest in obtaining an MLS are daunted by travelling a distance, leaving family and job, etc. As a supervisor, I would welcome a distance program from UT. As a librarian, I would also like courses for myself and my colleagues to keep our skills up. Susan Kendall, Nevada State Library and Archives.

xxx.xx.151.2 Subject matter, Interface used by class, Time requirements
I prefer interactions and the ability to ask questions during class, so distance learning is not particularly appealing to me. I feel as though I could get the same quality of education by reading books on my own and discussing them with colleagues. But who knows -- if the quality of software improves, I might reconsider, although the problems with existing interfaces are enough to put me off at this point.

xxx.xx6.112.64 costs
Great idea to make resources available to a wider group.

xxx.xx.13.58 Actual cost and time commitments.

xxx.xx.92.211 cost

xxx.xx4.70.90 I already have my MLS and would be only interested in continuing education. I am very interested in continuing my studies in archival librarianship, however am somewhat at a loss as the program opportunities in California are very limited and travel for lengthy seminars are difficult while working full-time.

xxx.xx8.117.10 time involved, frequency of class

As an employer of librarians, your program has been invaluable to our region. I would like for there to be some continuing ed or a partnership for staff development.

xxx.xx4.228.67 Cost, Admission requirements

As a single person with a home and mortgage in an area with high cost of living and low pay, distance ed not only makes sense but seems like the only option for a grad degree in library science. The local university does NOT offer an MLS, and the state school (in another city) is in danger of losing its accreditation.

xxx.xx4.239.213 for me the coursework and all requirements would have to be 100% web based. How would tests be handled for example?

This sounds very exciting. Something that the library field definitely needs. I hope it works out for you to offer this option.

xxx.xx8.224.61 cost

Distance learning in this area would offer me opportunities that I otherwise would not be able to take advantage of. I am very interesting in exploring this possibility. Thank you.

xxx.xx.145.210 requirements for admission and cost

xxx.xx3.43.249 It's a great concept. It seems like a web-based class should be somewhat cheaper than a traditional class, though! There wouldn't seem to be as much overhead.

xxx.xx0.237.14 I have an MLS. It would depend on my options. I have some interest in pursuing an advanced certificate. My areas of interest are classification, indexing, and project interests are in archives and the web.

xxx.xx.221.39 I hope you will advertise the results of your survey and whether or not the program will be offered.

xxx.xx.32.237. Currently in ISDP-MLS program at Syracuse. Wonderful!

I have no reservations about distance education. Having taken two courses related to Archives and Preservation at UNH through the URI program before enrolling at Syracuse, I know that there is a real need for more courses in this area. Distance Education would be an ideal way to further the education of prospective archivists.

xxx.xx5.92.247 I am from the "old school" that believes in classrooms with real people in them.

xxx.xx1.79.224 I already have an MLS but would definitely be interested in continuing-education distance education.

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xxx.xx.48.14 cost, time commitment

I got an MLS from a school that never got accredited, due to the fact there were several accredited MLS programs in the area at that time. I've been working as a special librarian in Fortune 500 companies, but see jobs I would like to apply for that require ALA accredited degrees. Later they got an accredited program, but I am so "angered" that I wouldn't go to them anyway. What would it take to get an accredited MLS at your institution?

xxx.xx9.35.2 Before I invested time and money in a distance ed. advanced degree and I would want assurance of recognition of the accreditation.

xxx.xx9.121.113 Do you mean reservations about #4? I answered #3 as it is because I already have an MLS; I'm interested in taking courses for continuing education in the Library and Information Sciences field, but I would not move to Austin for that. I would love to have the opportunity to take distance courses that were done well. I'm sure the University of Texas would set up the class right, so it would be informative but also interesting.

xxx.xx.202.21 Hi, I'm already a librarian and an alum of UNC-Chapel Hill, and saw the message about the survey on the alumni listserv. I've considered taking some continuing ed classes via distance ed and am very open to that concept. However, as a reference librarian I can really tell the difference between my colleagues who have received a MSLS/MSIS in the traditional manner and those who complete a complete degree via distance ed. Those former distance ed. students just don't have internship/practical experience in a "quality" environment, such as a major university, and that experience (combined and reinforcing course work) really seems to make a difference. Just FYI, I work in Georgia and have heard that Valdosta State University is planning on starting a mainly distance ed. MSIS program in the coming year. I would rather take distance continuing ed. classes from a "known" quality institution.

xxx.xx1.71.27 I hope someone offers a distance education post-master's certificate or doctoral program. That would really peak my interest. I am very familiar with web-based courses from my graduate work at the State University of New York at Buffalo's School of Information and Library Science.

xxx.xx6.29.10 likely the curriculum...what kinds of classes
I have an MLS, but am interested in getting teacher certification to be a school librarian. I would like to see courses offered which would enhance my education/experience and prepare me for school libraries. I've been in public and special libs so far in my career.

xxx.xx1.93.251 exact format, requirements, accreditation of the program, chance to meet with faculty

xxx.xx2.161.115 1. Confidentiality 2. Workload 3. Relevance to current employment.

x.xx.144.123 Please make this possible. U of Wisconsin also offers such a program but the Library Board has not decided if they will pay for it or not. With the new census there will be many people like me feeling the push for master's; library directors whose population has increased and need to be recertified within 3-4 years. Thanks

xxx.xx3.44.37 this is strange because I am currently enrolled in the program.
I am currently a distance ed. student. Distance education is the only way I can get a MLS degree. I live in a state wh/ does not offer this degree.

xxx.xx9.144.49 I think it might have been beneficial to have a separate questionnaire for people interested in continuing education. I already have my MLS. So, most of the questions don't really apply. I would like to say that I would be very interested in distance education for continuing-education purposes.

xxx.xx7.226.108 I hold an MLS, but would like courses leading to the Advanced certificate
I would love to see courses via the Internet whereby I could achieve additional tangible credentials.

xxx.xx.8.71 I had just enrolled with the University of Arizona's Distance MLS program when their accreditation came under question. If they lose their appeal, I won't be able to finish the program before

their degree becomes unaccredited, so I'm waiting to see what happens. If their program is gone, I would be interested in yours.

xxx.xx.244.25 What is the pace of work? Cost of course. Are the technological 'bugs' worked out? What are the technology requirements of a student? What other experience does UT have with web based programs?

xxx.xx1.181.187 I would be willing to take distance education classes IF I receive graduate ALA credit for them. Distance education option is what I am looking for right now!!

xxx.xx9.121.115 cost; classes offered; schedule

Great idea! I am interested in pursuing a certificate of advanced study. If this could help, it would be great!

xxx.xx3.131.40 caliber of teacher; amount of feedback teacher gives to each student I would be especially interested in courses addressing the meaning of LIS in today's society; international issues in LIS; social responsibility; fundraising.

xxx.xx9.36.126 Have taken two MLIS courses from another school. Would they be transferable?

xxx.xx8.71.18

Distance education is a fantastic idea. For people like myself who hold 9-5 jobs, it couldn't be more convenient. I do, however, have some reservations about the credibility of a MLS degree earned via distance education. How would a distance-education course offer students practical experience in locating resources other than those that could be culled (or "handed" out) from the Internet? Would other institutions or universities (of quality) in the area offer access to their facilities?

xxx.xx4.60.112 1.)Loss of income to meet residence requirement.

2.)American tuition tends to be much higher than in Canada. This would be a definite drawback, even though I am unaware of any distance MLS programs in Canada - the only program I could attend right now.

In theory, distance education presents some needed opportunities for people who find it increasingly difficult to leave their jobs to study on a full time basis. Also, the fact that study could be pursued inside one's home is of enormous value to those who are parents and need the kind of flexibility that this would afford. I would be very interested in hearing about the results of your survey and any subsequent program offerings that might become available. Perhaps you will send your findings through the list-serve system at that time.

xxx.xx4.228.10 Is there an on-site requirement eventually?

Is it all theoretical and therefore totally useless?

Distance education seems a paltry second to the alternative of physically attending a class. I really prefer a world in which programs are affordable in real, physical time instead of giving a second class alternative. I base this on my observation of the online classes my peers have taken.

xxx.xx.7.7 nature of content, strength and availability of faculty

xxx.xx.225.71 I will like not to quit to my job

I want to stay beside my family

I will be a great advantage for Latin Americans to have this opportunity.

I am a biologist, and I have a master degree in Systems Information, and now I think will be very useful to study Librarianship as a complement.

xxx.xx3.247.7 If you are going to offer a distance learning degree, please do not expect any residency requirements, other than a short (1 week or less) orientation on campus.

xxx.xx8.161.193 list and expectations Cost Accredited ?

Hope this helps your study. If there were a distance education situation that I could get the entire degree through, I might be tempted. But until I have Internet access outside of my work environment, I don't think distance education is possible for me.

xxx.xx.38.157 I would like to see distance education become a reality, although, I work at the University of Washington whose "Library School" has just been requalified for 7 years.

My problem is having to retake the GRE.

xxx.xx.137.54 I have an MLIS from UT, but I no longer live in Texas.

I think there is need of professional development/continuing education that is a little more in-depth than what is offered at most conferences and seminars. Continuing-education opportunities are limited where I live now. A Web-based distance-education program would be good for me.

xxx.xx4.16.36ALA recognized MLS program Cost Entrance requirements

Course content meets my requirements

It is important to me that my coursework be relative to my work. Also, it must be able to be done while I work. Cost is a factor that I must take into account. Some human contact is good in distance education.

xxx.xx.23.56 I wonder about the quality of a distance ed. class in relationship to the actual class. I also wonder about building community like I did when I got my MLS and have kept those contacts.

xxx.xx5.14.189 mode of interaction with other students and instructors

xxx.xx1.7.3 It would have to be a quality distance program. 4 =Very interested library employee

I am a US resident not living in Texas graduate or professional degree

I think it is a great idea. I'd like to see a doctoral program offered through DE. I just don't believe one needs to have "residency" to achieve a degree.

xxx.xx.138.6 I wouldn't want to wait 2 years before a core course was available to take.

Distance education would be very effective because without it I may not be able to obtain an MLIS degree. There are no Universities within an hours drive of Carthage, Texas. We need this so that those working in education are not kept from obtaining our goals. Education is a continuous process for everyone, not just those in the right location. If we had distance learning or even a location closer I feel many in this area and surrounding area would enroll.

xxx.xx7.100.182

I live in Little Rock, Arkansas, and am employed as a professional librarian (MLS from TWU, 1996. I plan to stay in librarianship. I would gladly take continuing ed courses if they were more easily accessible to me. I also know several paraprofessional library employees in this area who would be interested.

xxx.xx.41.139

I currently work full-time as director of two visual resource facilities and I attend the School of Library and Info. Science at the U of Washington part-time through a tuition-exemption program for UW employees. Distance education might be a way for me to earn additional credits and shorten the length of my program. Cost and uniqueness of the course offerings would be important factors for me.

xxx.xx1.176.142 Already have MLS from UT-Austin (1995). Already need continuing-education classes to find a new career within the discipline. Have become convinced that public libraries are going the way of the dodo in the near future.

I see absolutely no reason to take classes on-site. I'm tired of dragging around class texts/supplies, finding parking, dealing with hot/cold classrooms, etc. Do it online and make it self-paced. Could also use some counseling on how to find a telecommuting job in the discipline. I am in your "50-60" year range (at the leading edge of the baby boomers; and the implications of this fact are that I want to study at home, work at home-- don't want to be "retired" because of my age. I particularly would like to see technology live up to

its promise for my studying and working modes. Keep it cheap--just think of all that money you'll save on building maintenance and parking places!

xxx.xx.28.146 1. Tuition costs 2. Scheduling issues 3. I have a great computer but rural phone lines for access make it tough.

xxx.xx.5.120.20 I would be more likely to take coursework offered online by my alma mater UNC-Chapel Hill, if they started a program.
I would be concerned about not getting hands on experience. Some simulations online might solve that problem.

xxx.xx.208.240 1. Cost 2. Feasibility of taking classes while working full time. 3. Amount of on campus time required. 4. Length of program. 5. Possibility of receiving some credit for previous job experience.

xxx.xx.64.198 Courses should be international-minded, and really the best program available

xxx.xx.1.192.154

As a recent graduate of the UT MLIS program I am interested in pursuing continuing-education classes from this institution. However, I am not interested in traditional coursework. I would like to see distance-education courses that allowed you to receive credit for a structured internship.

xxx.xx.1.204.196 Price--I wouldn't want to have to pay too much more.

I think it would be wonderful to have Web-based courses. I currently live in Michigan, and there are only two library-science schools, both of which are very far away from me. I would love to not have to commute close to 150 miles to get my MLS. I do plan on going to grad. school next September as I will graduate with a B.S. in May.

xxx.xx.2.176.102 variety and depth of courses; weekend opportunities to meet with class members and faculty; access to references and materials (i.e. books, journal articles, course packets) -- it's not all on the web! I have an MLS, and I work as a "special librarian" in a law office -- but I wear many hats -- network/computer guru, paralegal and office manager.

I'm out of touch with what's happening with research and technology, e.g. Internet II, DSL etc. - issues that will impact our small business in years to come, and would like a "brush up" course of current developments -- seminar style perhaps.

xxx.xx.7.150.112 cost, cost, cost

If distant education would start not in the summer. I am a Youth Services Assit., and Summer Reading program is the worst possible time to start a program. January would be a great time for the required two weeks, or whatever the required time on campus would be. In Illinois there is a distant learning program, and for that reason I can not attend.

xx.xx.238.139 Moving to Texas to attend classes is not an option, however, if UT were to offer web based classes in the future, for continuing education, that might be of true interest. I am a working librarian in a special library I work in the field of Aviation and have built a SEI compliant Software Library. I am particularly interested in classes that deal with archiving and software control issues. These types of classes could be addressed quite adequately using the "net" resources available.

xxx.xx.211.8 To answer question #3, it would be crucial if I were to stay at least a year in Austin, Texas to go to school because it would be too far and my obligations right now to my family is important. I don't feel it would be crucial if the decision was made were I was offered the classes over the web.

I just like to say I am very interested in pursuing a career in library science. I do hope in the near future that a distance learning program over the web will be offered from your school. Thank you.

xxx.xx.6.176.135 \$Cost is always a concern.

xxx.xx.38.86 I already have an AMLS. I'd be interested in specific master's level classes, PhD level work, or joint-degree classes with a business and/or law school.

I believe that we need to develop more sophisticated library-related coursework than many of the current PhD programs I've checked into offer. Michigan's just announced joint degrees with their Law and Business Schools and this looks very interesting to me. I think distance ed is particularly suited to this type of interdisciplinary work, because the degree work need not be limited by the departmental structure, expertise, and support mechanisms (such as libraries) of any given institution.

xxx.xx.116.74 I am currently employed by a university that is HEAVILY weighted towards distance education. I am an advocate and have no reservations about the quality of a distance ed. course. Distance education is here to stay. Any school that does not think so will lose a lot of potential students (\$\$\$\$) by ignoring this opportunity to educate people who cannot attend in a traditional scheduling of day classes.

xxx.xx4.114.98 cost, support available, ease of use of web-based course material(i.e. bugs already worked out)

xxx.xx247.87

I obtained my Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Denver in 1963. I intend to work for 15 more years if my health permits. I would be interested in pursuing additional education since I need to upgrade my skills.

xxx.xxx.52.33 applicability to future program (aka PhD), etc

xxx.xx1.174.230

I have taken one DL class from Univ of Wisconsin in developing virtual collections. I was very impressed with the class and would like to see others available. I already have a MLS and I would like to see CE courses available.

xxx.xx.97.139 what courses would be offered for currently employed professional librarian? Would the courses be too long or demanding to include in the rest of my work & life? Cost? They would have to be offered via Internet because I live so far from Texas.

I would be interested in distance ed short courses on really current topics/issues I am dealing with on my job in a community college library. Would need enough time to complete the course in case something came up at work that needed immediate attention and I couldn't spend the time on the course I had planned to. I don't really care if I get college credit or not. Am more interested in learning and keeping up on current developments in the profession.

xxx.xx4.0.10 I do have an MLS, but there are subjects of interest I could not fit into my schedule or that were not offered during my time on campus I would be interested in pursuing if I did not have to quit my job and relocate in order to do.

xxx.xx6.27.163

I have been looking for a way to obtain my MLS without giving up my job or relocating for any length of time. There is nothing available in my state, (SD) or the surrounding states. From research I have done I do realize there is a likelihood I would have to complete at least part of a term or a summer on campus. This could be arranged through my current position, but a full year would be unlikely.

x.xx.224.6 I am interested in an MLS with a focus in Art Librarianship; so far, none of the distance MLS programs I've contacted offer this concentration. Will yours?

I am thrilled that you are looking into this!

xxx.xx1.192.2

There are two problems that I see in this idea from my perspective. There always seems to be a residency requirement with distance education (even if it's just 3 weeks for an orientation and introduction to the

program). Traveling is not something I enjoy, and is terribly expensive for the distance I would have to go for so many of these programs.

Secondly, I am in Canada, and I would imagine that the course work would be directed towards American resources. I would not feel confident that all the information I would be getting (ie. gov't documents) would be applicable to my situation, or that the materials needed for course work (again, such as gov't documents) would be available to me.

I am a Library Technician and I am determined to get my MLS or MLIS as soon as possible, and would prefer distance education since you save all the wasted time of wandering around between classes, and (I would imagine) listening to fellow students group presentations that are poorly researched (oy, the factual errors that make it into some them!) getting papers handed back in a large lecture etc.

xxx.xx2.97.161 Actually, I would prefer to have face-to-face contact with faculty.

I have grave reservations about distance ed in a field that is so dependent upon good communications skills with the public.

xxx.xx.196.238 location, location, location has held me up. sam houston is not ala accredited. Austin and the University of Houston are the closest options for me.

We need something in the College Station area and web-based distance education classes would be perfect. I've put off Library School for over five years because of location. I am currently an Assistant Curator for the Technical Reference Center - Slide Collection at the College of Architecture, Texas A&M University. My former work experience includes positions at the University of Kentucky, M.I. King Library, Santa Fe Community College Wellness Center, Gainesville, Florida, North Harris County College Learning Resource Center, Tomball Texas, Star of the Republic Museum and Library, Washington, Texas and the Medical Sciences Library (Texas A&M). I have put off obtaining a degree in Library Science due to LOCATION. So I would be thrilled to have such an opportunity as this.

xxx.xx.89.195 1. East of use

2. The degree should be comparable to that offered to other students

3. Varied course offerings

Kent State University has recently set up satellite programs with limited admissions in several areas of the state. The closest to where I live and work is over an hour away. They actually duplicated offerings in SW Ohio, where Indiana University has a program in Northern Kentucky, and central Ohio, where Kent State has an adjunct program at Ohio State in Columbus. I would very much like to pursue an MLS, but currently work full-time, have two school-age children, and have fiscal responsibilities to my family as well.

xxx.xx2.230.68 I have a degree. I am only interested in updating skills with continuing-education courses.

xxx.xx5.52.132 cost

xxx.xx8.105.59 reassurance that the course would be geared to nontraditional grad students. Because if it were possible to attain the MLS through a traditional program I would be enrolled in one.

Distance education is a wonderful opportunity. Onsite activities would be helpful if they are centrally located for the group you teaching. Generally no further than 3 hours away from home.

xxx.xx9.115.254

I'd be very interested in any doctoral work being offered at the university in LS. I've been enrolled in doctoral work on another program before, in a traditional setting, but was unable to complete it because of other needs. I've also been accepted to UT for the Ph.D. program in LS but was unable to attend due to other circumstances.

xxx.xx.14.104

I believe that distance education is an extension of the American philosophy regarding education. Long distance education allows a great many people the opportunity to achieve educational goals which would

otherwise be unreachable. I urge distance education providers to do all they can to enhance these programs.

xxx.xx.209.3

I'd be interested in finding CE coursework which would be highly relevant to my job, as opposed to philosophical/theoretical. I manage a small corporate information center. Meta-tagging/thesaurus construction would be helpful. Other applied sorts of subject matter would be interesting to know about. I've yet to see a useful CE course offered at our local library school. Thanks for asking these questions.

xxx.xx0.133.221 Price, other requirements

xxx.xx.143.197

I feel that the cost of distance education is too high when you consider that the school does need to maintain the buildings in the same state that is required for on campus classes. Do the professors get more money for the extra work they must put in with individual instruction with distance education.

xxx.xx7.249.51

I might be interested in courses that offered further professional development to people who already have an MLS, but you'd have to top any offerings that University of Washington (my alma mater, and much closer to me than Austin!) might have.

xxx.xx5.59.129 Having to relocate to Austin

I would be interested in distance education via web access. I would also be interested in distance education if I would only have to come to Austin maybe once or twice a semester as a commuter student or over a weekend.

xxx.xx2.43.73 motivation, procrastination

xxx.xx7.122.50

Much as one would like to pursue further studies like in my case factors like

1. Enrollment procedures are very difficult from Africa the foreign currency and funding for one's studies are very difficult to come by.
2. Internet facilities also though available sometimes that might even disturb your studies due to poor communications as well as the availability per se.
3. There should be conversion courses for people with a British qualifications or any other which can be authenticated eg. Master's in Library Science for example to take a few courses for US accreditation purposes to me this is a big issue which no one has ever addressed. I would appreciate a personal answer to this problem. It affects employment chances at times.

xxx.xx6.169.54

I find the idea interesting and am presently taking a distance-education course now on evaluating Internet search engines.

xxx.xx5.122.2

Please contact me if you implement this program. I am very interested.

x.xx.224.6 many classes can I take a term? How long will it take me to finish my degree?

I work for a library cooperative that includes 11 public libraries. We are interested in CE classes on serving Latino patrons. Might your extension program offer such a course?

xxx.xx.194.103

I would love to get an MLS which is so frequently required of Visual Curators, which I am, by long distance or from UT in class if I must.

xxx.xx.32.107 Cost ALA Accreditation

Not many choices to attend an ALA accredited program in Colorado. I live in Pueblo and the only accredited program will be taught in Denver starting September 2000 (Emporia State). University of Denver is trying to get accredited but has been initially turned down by ALA. University of Arizona, on the other hand, provides most of their program over the Internet (all but 12 hours) but renewing their accreditation is in trouble. More choice would be great.

xxx.xx.25.162 Time required, Courses offered, Want CE, Money

Would love to see degree program and CE offered in library science through distance education format.

xxx.xx6.75.102 price

xxx.xx8.185.209

Don't you want to know if the respondent has and MLS already? I'm interested in keeping my skills up to date. how about some real time or downlink opportunities.

xxx.xx1.122.18

I have the Ph.D. degree from TWU, MLS from UTA. Don't have much interest in MLS-level coursework. Your survey doesn't really apply to people that might be interested in non-MLS distance education. I am interested in surviving as adjunct faculty for any such program. I am currently teaching in the distance-education program for MLS here in Oregon, degree cooperatively offered by Emporia State Univ (KS) and the Oregon University System. Please let me know if there is an opportunity to apply for such adjunct faculty work. I am particularly interested in Web-based course presentation. Brooke Sheldon has knowledge of my background, should you need some verification. Cheers.

xx.x.254.129 what kind of oversight or direction is provided; how much feedback is provided; is there opportunity for online discussions with classmates

xxx.xx81.129 cost

xxx.xx.59.102 delivery method, quality, access to resources needed for further study and not available locally, kinds of courses

xxx.xx.21.76 Nature of course offerings for continuing education Cost Time commitment Scheduling
Continuing education via distance ed could be very valuable for the library community in Oregon. Because of time commitments, a format that allowed participants to work at their own pace would be best for me. It's difficult to make time during a busy workday for coursework, and it's impossible to do much at home for those of us with young children.

xxx.xx4.72.69 If courses are approved to fulfill step-credit and/or faculty tenure track requirements at my workplace.
Please, please make DE courses available through UT-Austin GSLIS! Thank you for sending me this survey

xxx.xx0.39.226 no long stay on campus, accredited MLS, affordable

Am considering applying to Southern Connecticut State University on-line accredited MLS program- it is affordable, and there is no on-campus residency requirement- I work almost full time and have four kids.

xxx.xx5.145.119 computer requirements

Please send me info about this distance educ. prog. is it ALA accredited? Will credits transfer towards an MLS if I go to another university, say in CA? Thank you for asking! D:)

xxx.xx4.162.117 Cost

What degree of computer literacy is required.

xxx.xx3.162.133 What classes for continuing education? Certification of any kind attached to such courses? What would library support from UT-Austin be like? Full range of library access and services comparable to those for on campus student in similar program? Adherence the the ACRL Guidelines for Library Services for Distance Learners? Other student services?

xxx.xx.6.233

Want very much to have classes in the Little Rock, AR area, of course. I am hopeful. Also would love to spend time in Austin, working toward the master's in library science. I have three degrees, but have never known what master's program I wanted. Now, better late than never, with so much educational background behind me, I have discovered that I love working in the library sciences.

xxx.xx5.45.233

Distance Education may be the way to go in order to increase training and development for librarians. However, I've always heard that distance ed courses are quite expensive and I feel sure you would need a computer at home plus a printer and a fax machine. I also have a concern about scheduling since my work schedule is very unusual.

xxx.xx6.63.1

I would really like to earn my master's degree in library science. I am worried though that I might price myself out of a job that I love because it has always been a classified position. Our district is already strapped for funds.

xxx.xx7.16.90 I already have a degree from UT's GSLIS program. I would be interested in continuing education, but I cannot travel 2200 miles back for classes. 3 = Interested library employee I am a US resident not living in Texas graduate or professional degree
I have inquired about distance continuing education from the closest library school to me, the University of Washington, but as a UT grad I would rather take a course from my alma mater if the out of state fees were not too bad.

xxx.xx6.109.183 To be able to take the course at my own rhythm, in terms of time necessary to complete the material.

xxx.xx5.10.127

There is a need for continuing-education classes in the profession, particularly in areas of new technologies, and in cataloging. Cost must be kept reasonable.

xxx.xx4.138.103 can't afford out-of-state tuition, need ability to complete in reasonable length of time
I would love to earn my MLS through distance education at your school. I am very interested in youth services coursework and I have heard that your school has a strong emphasis in this area. Also, I have been a Youth Services Coordinator for 14 years, so I would appreciate some allowance for that experience. I hesitate to take the GRE since I took college-level math coursework in 1984 and am probably very rusty in that area.

xxx.xx6.22.14 how much knowledge of html is needed? how much support (phone/online)is available if required to post assignments to the Internet? how much training is given and how much basic web/computer knowledge is expected of students? how accessible are faculty members if clarification of information or assignments is needed? how much travel is required? how much flexibility is there in taking courses? are they repeated often or rarely? what if I need to take a semester off, will I be way out of rotation? are classes offered or required over summers?

Glad to see another institution looking into offering a distance MLS. A stay of a few days on campus at the beginning of the program would be acceptable to become more familiar with the program. So would having a meeting during ALA.

xxx.xx1.118.43

Personally, I do not like the idea of taking classes over the Internet. I like the people-contact and the class discussions that I wouldn't get taking one of these classes. Probably the biggest reason for not wanting to attend school at U of T is because it is in Texas, a total climate change from Oregon!

xxx.xx6.71.1 COST OFFERINGS ACCESS

I am a faculty member at another institution in Educational Technology. In the past, I would have been very interested in giving some depth to my vita with an MLS. I probably would have jumped at the chance. Now, I am not so sure. My career goals have changed.

xxx.xx8.202.51 In question 2, I would have included an option about taking courses from other institutions. The closest you have is "2=pursuing another degree". I think many librarians are finding they need to upgrade their technical skills via part-time education and universities are proving to not be the best place to do this.

xxx.xx3.162.127 Tuition cost. Quality of communication with teaching staff. Telecommunications good. Philosophy of program. Applicability to Emporia State MLS Program
It is critical to have excellent telecommunications and communication.

xxx.xx1.132.38

I've been looking around for distance ed Library-science courses to take as refreshers. I need to get up to date on a couple of areas.

xxx.xx.215.205 1. Cost Would I have to pay out-of-state tuition?
2. Place Would I be able to work on this degree via a computer or from a classroom closer to my home.

xxx.xx.115.102

I answered based upon a perceived need in the community. We have had a number of inquiries regarding an off campus MLS program. I am currently enrolled in an off campus MA program through Antioch University in Ohio (live in the Houston area).

xxx.xx3.30.99 The cost would be the main factor.

xxx.xx.215.210 Student/faculty ratio and support options

Length of time to complete degree

Degree options-- specialties, doctorate, etc

Are faculty trained in how to manage distance education classes?

How well supported is the technology on the university's end?

Are distance learners considered "second class" within the school?

Can credit be given for on the job experience?

What arrangements are made with the UT library for providing materials to distance learners?

Who is responsible for shipping costs, etc, for research materials?

Do distance learners have specific faculty advisors?

I would be particularly interested in options for completing doctoral work through (completely or at least in part)distance education. Arkansas doesn't currently offer any accredited programs... the closest are the University of Tennessee and the University of North Texas, both of which are several hours away.

xxx.xx7.76.32 courses offered and method of instruction and access to information resources supporting the program. No. of students in a class

xxx.xx.135.113 I'm already enrolled in a DE program from Emporia. Are credits transferable?

xxx.xx8.133.76 location, #of hrs required per semester,# of days

would like to know your definition of distance learning. Some are through inter-net some through satellite locations. Could something be worked out with a school in AR that is more centrally located.

xxx.xx.148.166 price, other schools offering this type of degree

this sounds interesting. In fact, when considering this field I sent for information on this University's programs. Most schools here in Oregon do not have an MLS program avbl. please feel free to send more information

xxx.xx.122.234

Many people are too geographically entrenched due to family/work obligations; this prevents many qualified people from enhancing their educational or "degreed" background.

xxx.xx.239.87

If we could receive courses in Uvalde at SWTJC it would be super!! I think there would be a lot of people in this area that would be interested.

xxx.xx6.175.32 Must I have my own computer at home, or can I use one at work?

Can't imagine how it would be handled via an electronic classroom, but I would like a good course on collection development.

xxx.xx2.222.75 I currently live in Austin but may be relocating in 2-3 years.

xxx.xx6.253.94 related courses for continuing education

I am glad to complete this survey. Because of the work I have been in, I am behind in cataloging, filing, MARC etc. I would like to do this kind of work part time upon my retirement next year. Courses to "brush up" would be most welcome.

xxx.xx.121.4 Tuition costs would be a major factor. Also, would any time on campus (Austin, presumably) be needed?

xxx.xx0.130.168 cost, job placement, weekly time commitment, financial aid options

xxx.xx1.192.136 what exactly are the fees?

xxx.xx7.159.66 Cost, percentage of total program offered via distance education

I believe that distance education offerings in the library and information science fields are very limited and extremely costly. I currently reside in Arizona where the MLS program at U of A is in limbo as far as accreditation is concerned. it would be nice to have another option.

xxx.xx.40.29

I am interested in pursuing a doctoral degree. I would be interested in distance ed classes or other options. I am a single parent with an administrative position. It would be difficult to relocate temporarily.

xxx.xx9.72.73 Local tuition vs out of state tuition (I am taking distance classes at a different U.)

Distance education is great, especially web-based classes. My University allows transfer credits of 2 upper division level grad courses. I would take them from your University if tuition was not higher than what I pay at U of Missouri-Columbia as an in-state resident. I do not feel that Internet-based classes should have non-resident fees. I also do not think there should be a residency requirement, ie: you should not have to take ANY on campus credits to get an MLA. I will graduate in Winter 2000 without having to have had ANY credits on campus, which for me is 125 miles away.

xxx.xx7.113.90 cost

I wonder if distance education loses some of the joy of learning because of lack of human contact/interaction. And whether response to questions is too slow and cumbersome to foster a free give-and-take (stimulating discussion).

xx.xx.159.20 location, course content

xxx.xx3.207.207

I have the MLS degree, but I am very interested in taking courses that can help me in my job (technology courses, especially) and I would also like to keep options open regarding applying any such courses toward a doctorate at some future date. However, relocating to access classes is not an option at this time. Distance education may be the answer.

xxx.xx3.1.111

I have an MLIS from UT-Austin and would like to take additional courses but not at the same price as resident students. I dropped a telecourse because paying Austin student fees was not only too expensive but illogical. We need continuing ed beyond the superficial level of one day workshops. Hope you all can come up with something.

xxx.xx.22.104 Length of time required away from home & work. I am the sole provider for my family. Please consider distance classes at UALR in Little Rock, UCA in Conway, or ASU in Jonesboro, Arkansas for those courses that require classroom attendance. Coursework via the Internet and e-mail would be ideal for me.

xxx.xx9.164.136

This survey came to me through a Canadian library listserv. It seems to me unlikely that too many Cdn librarians would choose U Texas for continuing ed when we have other options closer to home – maybe I'm wrong!!

xxx.xx.108.69

In today's circumstances where time is limited to a person distance education today and in the near future will be the order of the day. In the next millennium people will be more tempted to go in for distance education and as a matter of fact distance education is becoming very popular and will continue in point of view.

xxx.xx4.250.215

I earned my MLS from University of Illinois at Champaign, UIUC, this past year through distance learning and am an advocate of distance learning, especially for mature learners with professional and family schedules to consider. UIUC is the #1 MLS school for distance learning/non-distance learning in the nation and has an excellent program.

xxx.xx.172.55

I would be interested in coursework that was partially over the Internet, but I would still enjoy and want some contact with other students and with a professor in some sort of face-to-face setting at least periodically.

xxx.xx.228.226 academic support from the university course fees

xxx.xx5.13.27 Would the course be accredited by the British Library Association?

xx.xx.35.10 residency requirements, unknown quality of distance ed classes- access to academic library during coursework

xxx.xx4.8.42 Compatibility with my expectation and my concerns in my work

xxx.xx.17.28 cost, time commitment, academic level

xxx.xx0.75.37 I could never leave Michigan at this point in my life. Going to one of the top Library-science schools (they're dwindling) would be a top priority, though.

I would have to get my degree through distance ed, as I see it now. There are so few library schools left in my area.

xxx.xx.113.45

I think it is a good way to increase education options.

xxx.xx5.238.117 - high quality of material - interesting cont.ed. topic - affordable price - flexible distribution over time - good and easy contact to tutors
I am a german with a m.a. degree in information and computer science, currently working on my phd in information science on indexing in the r&d dept. of an information center for the social sciences. what could you offer in continuing ed to me? (you will reach me by posting again to the IR-L list) cont.ed. in this area is really in need in germany, as it is not offered by the universities yet.

xxx.xx6.195.54
I am a Canadian citizen currently employed in the U.S. but not living in Texas.

xxx.xx7.90.187
Distance education is great. I am interested in a PHD not an MLS.

xxx.xx7.56.91
distance learners must have access to electronic resources from their "virtual" campus. Too often, distance students utilize the local resources instead of those from the school to which they have paid their tuition dollars.

xxx.xx.32.78 cost
system requirements
there a way to find out if UT decides to offer distance learning courses?

xxx.xx3.44.46 cost, time demands, length of time to complete course

xxx.xx2.206.153 Time and energy are the biggest factors in not making a commitment.

xxx.xx8.227.109
As a library director, I currently have two staff people that will be taking MLS classes beginning Fall 2000. Distance (and thus, time) are the two biggest factors for these folks.
Additionally, I have a difficult time locating qualified individuals when I have a position requiring an MLS to come available.
East Texas NEEDS a more accessible way of providing these kinds of classes. My two staff members will, if nothing else becomes available, be taking classes through the joint UNT/TWU offering presently taught at Texarkana. I understand that UNT/TWU are also considering classes being taught here in Tyler or Nacogdoches.

xxx.xx5.30.19
I am already in a distance education MLS program through Emporia State University.

xxx.xx6.11.51 Actual cost Instate vs out-of-state tuition Accreditation
Does "library employee" include professional librarians?? I already have an MLIS and see that as different. I'm interested in additional courses to broaden my knowledge in certain areas. I would like to take a "Children Literature" course for example. Thanks

xxx.xx9.223.93 I would want to know more about how the distance-education courses were structured, etc. I know a number of people who have taken distance-education courses and been very unhappy with the format and with the artificial nature of on-line discussion.

xxx.xx3.26.8
Good survey - but the age ranges duplicate the 30, 40, etc. ages in two ranges - so of course I picked the younger group! Paraprofessional courses would be of interest to us for catalogers as well as other tech. processes staff. And professional level continuing ed. would be of interest too.

xxx.xx.161.213

I want to pursue a Ph.D. in Library. Anything web based at a distance would be the only way that I could. Having to go to the school on occasion is also doable but not on a weekly basis.

xxx.xx9.222.80

I am a librarian (MLS degreed) and a faculty member at a community college. Continued graduate education is required to advance in faculty rank. Most distance-education programs for library science seem to be geared towards MLS students or only offer CE units, not graduate credit, for professionals who are continuing students.

xxx.xx0.40.60 would need to see coursework that was either directly related to my current position or coursework that would help develop my skill in an area of librarianship that I need to learn more about for a future position.

I just signed up for a distance ed. course that is being offered in the town next to where I work. Though it is within driving distance and I could have taken a class at the school, the convenience of distance ed. was preferable at this time. Fitting courses into a full-time work schedule is difficult. With distance ed. there is more flexibility and I think universities are right on target in developing more options for digress and/or continuing ed. opportunities.

xxx.xx6.11.103

I recently completed my MLIS. I would be interested in taking distance-education courses from UTA as continuing education.

xxx.xx0.52.31 I would use a course for continuing education.

xxx.xx5.1.2

Distance education is good for people who cannot afford to leave their jobs to take up full time study. Refresher course is a good one to take on the Web, particularly for people who graduated long time ago. If there are no available library and information science courses offered by education institutions in the vicinity, long distance education is a good resort.

xxx.xx9.127.165

I've had my MSLS for 5 years now. I would love to take some courses for continuing ed, but my school (the other UT) doesn't offer anything suitable for me via its distance ed program.

xxx.xx5.2.231 price, courses offered (I'm specifically interested in courses related to archives), how much support is offered to distant students in terms of access to resources

xxx.xx3.70.103 Interested in continuing ed. only -- already have MLS
Would depend on course offerings and timing of those courses

xxx.xx0.14.131 I would be concerned about my ability to do the research required in the libraries that are in the area. If you are not a registered student at many of the universities, certain resources are off limits, especially electronic resources.

I am also concerned that a degree acquired "over the Internet" does not carry the same clout as a degree earned in a classroom. Correspondence schools are looked down on, I'm not sure employers won't look down on a distance degree also. I don't have a solution to this, although I think if more schools like UT offer this type of education it will eventually gain acceptance.

xxx.xx4.73.227 Cost of the classes

xxx.xx155.10

Having distance learning options for continuing education/professional development is a great advantage for me, as I travel frequently for work and the relative inflexibility of traditional class scheduling makes pursuing further education difficult. However, I would think twice about taking a class at the University of Texas, as my personal experience with your program has not been good.

xxx.xx4.171.76

a good option for those of us with full time jobs

xx.xx33.167 1 yr in Austin, love it there but can't afford it

If you get it up and running, will you email the information to me Thank you!

xxx.xx8.202.43 I can take them in Canada for a cheaper price.

It's a great idea to do this survey and I fully support students' projects. Just a small pointer, some clarification and options for inputting text into the survey would be helpful. For example, in question 7, I'm a qualified librarian working in a non-traditional setting and there's no option for this. Since the main thrust of my job is educating pediatric residents, I chose the educator field. I suspect there are many others in a similar situation.

xxx.xx.83.131 No time on campus--all completed online. 2. Since I am interested in continuing ed, I would be selective about what I'd take. 3. It would have to be affordable.

xxx.xx.33.422=possibly money□family□distance 2=possibly 3=likely 3 = Interested library employee I am a Texas resident high school/GED 40-50 Female Caucasian

xxx.xx1.162.105 ability to work at home crucial at my own pace/time it should cost less

xxx.xx4.79.43 topic of class(s) would have to be directly applicable to current or anticipated assignments

Library Schools should interact with their state's library associations in order to assess the market for continuing-education classes. Also they should market beyond the Internet as many librarians read non-Internet sources. Library Schools should also interact with ALA divisions, etc. to assess what areas of interest and need there are. Simply offering classes without this assessment is a waste of time.

xxx.xx.120.162

Thanks for the information survey. I am working in a library with no formal training other than a love of libraries, learning, and books. I am a former Texas resident, but now live in Idaho. The only way to get further education in library science is through distance education and even those options are limited. The connection through Texas is appealing to me, and I would rather visit Austin than Kansas.

xxx.xx5.239.238 Lack of face-to-face interaction concerns me.

xxx.xx4.179.66

I am a professional librarian and would like to have a continuing ed course on MaRC record. I work in a rural county and can't get to the major cities for courses and workshops.

xxx.xx1.161.19 Already have MLS. Continuing ed a possibility if the content were useful.

xxx.xx0.4.246 money is a major factor in my decision

xxx.xx.103.12 communication of information with faculty

xxx.xx4.163.34

I think that distance-education courses are a good complement to traditional courses, but I do not think that getting a degree entirely through a distance-education program is comparable to obtaining an MSLIS through taking classes which are interactive.

xxx.xx.117.86

There is a need for credit courses (certificates) beyond the Master's level. I have two staff members who would like to pursue additional graduate course work in library science to meet tenure and promotion criteria, but cannot do so in the Chicago area.

xxx.xx6.176.54

My library director passed this along to me, knowing that I have an interest in pursuing a MLS. I have tentatively checked into the distance learning program at Syracuse, and am looking into Rutgers and Drexel (both of which are within feasible driving distance). I would be very interested in receiving any info. you may have regarding your program since the distance learning may be more practical for me.

xxx.xx7.15.129

please update the progress of this effort on this listserv

xxx.xx9.24.200

It sounds like an interesting concept! Please, provide an update regarding this survey via e-mail.

xxx.xx5.11.103 Price Admission requirements Time/pace

I'm excited about the possibility of getting an MLS using distance education. I work and have children and find it difficult to imagine also commuting to school. My greatest concern about your program would be cost: would there be financial aid available? Thank you.

xxx.xx7.253.22

am interested only if this can be done as long distance learning through the web or telecourses. I would not be able to come to Austin as I live in the state of Washington. I might be able to come if required to do so for a week or so from time to time or a long weekend if it is required.

xxx.xx.160.34 Amount of travel required

xxx.xx.200.212

The University of Buffalo offers some distance-education courses related to library science but they are generally too expensive for Canadians. I'd be very interested in hearing more. I did my undergrad entirely through distance education but completed my MLIS on campus.

xxx.xx6.35.199

From my experience- a large portion of my classes leading to my BA were distance learning--I think it is a wonderful opportunity to further one's education. I currently live in a rural area, drive 45 miles to a university (which does not have a mls program) to work.

xxx.xx4.6.179 Depends on what classes are offered.

xxx.xx2.13.41 Cost is major decision. Also - is there some travel involved or is it all web-based? Third - I would need to know school/program accreditation.

I am in the process of applying to Emporia State University for the MLS primarily because of the convenience (the programs are brought monthly to SLC and I live in Southern Idaho) and the cost per credit. I have checked out web-based programs but there seems to be a travel "catch" that requires some portion of the program to be handled on campus. One fully web-based program, Florida State University, was attractive until I found out the cost was over \$500.00 per credit. The citizens who live in this area are apparently compensated to match these costs, but it was simply not affordable for my Idaho wages.

xxx.xx.105.1

As an MLS, I'm concerned with the lack of emphasis on such things as cataloging in some library schools. Also, even though we all know we must keep up with the technology--that's *not* the "be all and end all" of our profession. There needs to be a blend of print and tech coursework. Readers' advisory coursework would be of interest too.

xxx.xx7.113.94 Prefer to complete coursework WITHOUT participating in online discussions

xxx.xx.230.168

I am currently pursuing my MLIS from Drexel University. I would be interested in learning more about any continuing-education courses you would be offering. I will be graduating from Drexel in June 2000.

xxx.xx1.175.63 need to understand time commitment. If work can be done part time, over several years. I am very interested in distance learning because I am place bound. Travel is difficult for me. I also am a full time employee and have a family. I would like to take only 1 course a semester and not get to far in debt to reach my ultimate goal of an MLS or MLIS. I really think it might take me 10 years to do it!

xxx.xx8.247.62 Location to home (in my case, Boise, ID) Price Reputation of program Time required to complete degree

xxx.xx.248.189

I already have an MSLS and would be interested in obtaining information about pursuing a phd.

xxx.xx.53.144 If cost by distant ed was less, to some degree, than attending in person.

xxx.xx6.105.10

It might have been interesting to have participants see what kinds of continuing-education classes you might offer and check which interests them. Then you might better direct your efforts and we could see what might be offered.

xxx.xx.35.34 I would ultimately want to be able to attain a PhD in Library Science without having to attend classes in Austin. I would still be interested in taking courses via Web even w/o the degree, but would prefer to be able to get the degree.

xxx.xx.2.93 I have a full time job as a lib. asst. at TAMU-CC, so I am unable to spend a year or summer at UT .

I have been waiting for UT to offer the MLIS via Internet. I read on your website that you were considering that option. I would be VERY likely to apply to your program if I could complete the degree without a lengthy residency (no more than a week or two/year).

xxx.xx.72.212 support staff financial aid degree

Interest would be piqued if the courses through long distance would be complete and offer MLS degree at the completion of said courses.

xxx.xx.8.12 I am a single mother and have a full time job to support my children. Relocating would be to hard on my children considering what we have already been through. I would be interested in Distance Education to get my MLS. The main factor stopping me right now is the money for school.

xxx.xx.43.4

I think there is a great need for distance education and the means is there for making it work (Internet). I hope you decide to offer the MLS in this manner.

xxx.xx7.184.36 Would be interested only in continuing-education classes since I already have my MLS I would really love to see at least some components of a Doctoral program available online!

xxx.xx.20.80

Finished MLS at Syracuse through distance learning. It would be hard to go back to a traditional classroom setting. I would be interested in subject specific coursework especially science information management and resources, or government documents. You might also post this query to several of the library school listservs, since many allow some transfer of units. Thank you

xxx.xx.25.204

As a university library director in western Iowa, I don't have many credible opportunities for distance ed in library science, even in work towards a doctorate. The nearest program for the Mls, or MSLS (?) is at U. Iowa, a four hour one-way commute. Iowa's program offers only some distance ed courses. I'm looking for a program which would offer an opportunity fot paraprofessional staff and others to pursue the Master's' in

our profession, and a practical, affordable way besides association involvement to continue my own mid-career professional development. BTW/ good survey!

xxx.xx7.1.18 Time Constraints Family Responsibility My age (nearly 60)
This is a needed area. The library school nearest to me is more than 2 hours away.

xxx.xx6.103.67
have only obtained an Associate of Arts degree in Elementary Education but would like to obtain a degree in Library Information and Science. Do I qualify?

xx.xx.195.75
The interaction of the classroom is very important to me. The need to attend class prepared is motivating. I tried to take a distance course many years ago and just did not feel compelled to do the work.

xxx.xx.147.66 admission requirements and cost of the program.
I work abroad as a H.S. Librarian (endorsement on my teaching credential), have a teenage daughter, and could not possible do a program in residence. I have been investigating distant programs and just not sure whether it makes more sense to just do a Master's in Ed or Ed. Admin (I was director of a H.S. in Paris for 12 years)and also think I'd like to return to administration.

xxx.xx0.186.34 I am not able at this time to travel to a distant University, because of money and time. If it were over the Internet etc. with out relocating I would do it in a minute.
I feel that distance learning is the wave of the future. This is true for any one living in a rural area. I was fortunate to live with in 50 miles of a good college.

xxx.xx.74.226
I think this is a great idea. Way back when I was 40 years young and still had small children, I looked for something like this. thanks.

xxx.xx.141.3 precise cost and approximate time needed to complete
Would be interested in seeing survey results. Have already taken one early and very successful distance learning course. It ended with a 2-3 day weekend at a conveniently located hotel (ST. Louis area), where we met face to face and had more class exercises. Class members had a variety of prior experience which made class discussions interesting. Professor was Mary Ann Sievert, U. of Missouri.

xxx.xx8.15.140 Would an MLS degree obtained via distance learning be looked upon by employers as less credible than a degree obtained the conventional way?

xxx.xx2.123.220 Cost, cost, cost. Also, which courses would be offered and what areas of the field would be addressed.
I've done distance ed. before (both as a student and as a librarian), and I feel that it can work well. But it needs to be thought out carefully, and there needs to be a LOT of support for the students and faculty. It's very difficult to do well, but essential for library schools who want to serve their profession.

xxx.xx.24.8 Costs Attendance requirements Course structure Duration of course

xxx.xx2.162.146
I recently completed my MLIS at the University of South Carolina. I live two hours from campus and completed 75% of my coursework through their dist ed program. For me that meant attending classes at my local tech school, viewing over satellite and calling in with questions etc... I could not have relocated to Columbia, and would have had to give up my employment to pursue my degree otherwise. The program worked beautifully for me.

xxx.xx2.74.25 Cost of courses Time required
I would be interested in taking a course in children's librarianship over the web.

xxx.xx4.66.44 Tuition price and is there a payment plan
I am currently taking distance education classes here in NM for a Library Tech. degree, but would be interested in getting information about your program. Thank you

xxx.xx.194.62
The drawback to distance ed is the loss of community that one finds with one's fellow students, the opportunity to truly get to know one's instructor well. I think e-mail could alleviate some of the problem with this slightly . . .

xxx.xx3.138.75 temporary relocation from family to continue education. money. raising children.
Sounds great. Currently working on bachelors. Would love to know that this option were available when I need to transfer for library science.

xxx.xx.168.176
I am at present working full time and pursuing a second degree at a local university through Distance Education. To me it is the most convenient way. I'd never get it done otherwise. Being able to drive home after work and go to the study and log on to my own course in my own time is perfect.

xxx.xx4.110.136 I have an MLIS from UT. I'd be interested in courses leading toward a Doctoral degree or continuing ed

xxx.xx5.247.1
I am sort of working on an MLS at another school, but would consider taking distance-education courses because 1. variety, the courses here are dull 2. I'm thinking of moving and completing the degree long distance anyway - of course it would depend if your courses would fit towards my degree here but I think they would

xxx.xx8.198.3 -international acknowledgement -fulfillment aims for Germany/Switzerland problems in the area
I am German, working in Germany and Switzerland as Archivist, studying now at the Archivschule Marburg. I am very interested with distance education as a way for "continuing training", because our work is continually changing. I have already a postgraduate degree in information science.

xxx.xx6.24.121 I believe in the importance of one-on-one student to instructor interaction.

xxx.xx.31.138 That the same resources are available for distance learners as local learners to complete assignments.

xxx.xx.52.22
I'm interested in learning new things at my convenience. I have no interest in a degree (have one) and would not go through an application process (transcripts, etc.)

xxx.xx.52.108 Credibility or course content/instructor; full degree program applicability; Opportunity for short-term (1 to 3 days) work shops or special educational events associated with the course, which would greatly enhance the learning experience; Real-world aspects; Availability of instructors outside the electronic structure, perhaps through telephone or other types of interaction; Some type of coordination opportunity with the closest Library and/or Library school for the student; Cost is a real factor.
This survey was nice and brief; had good selection options. Question #5 was not entirely clear to me. I would have found it much more helpful to have options to choose from which may have provided clarity as to the full extent of the question. Question #7 was very limited; therefore, your other category has increased potential of being chosen and therefore increasing the undefined portion of the your survey response. Unless, it was your intention to primarily survey library environments and therefore you are not truly interested in defining the diversity of respondents. Please share your survey results when completed.

xxx.xx.36.132 value (price/knowledge gained).

xxx.xx.17.55 Distance education would be my only option.

I think Distance Education is the way to go. It connects the best people to the best programs, regardless of distance. With today's technology, some classes I've experienced are actually better and I've received more from the class taken with a combination of Web/Video/Teleconference than I would have if I were there in person.

xxx.xx.19.69

I would some type of certificate. This would indicate to employers that employees are concern about keeping their M.L.S. current. Not those one day quickies either. They do not build on any real foundation.

xxx.xx0.9.12 I am hesitant to apply because they no longer instate tuition through a state cooperative program, and other Texas schools do. I live in Arkansas. So Cost is the major factor for me. I am very interested in a distance program in Austin. Although I may be better situated to move to a school I am currently looking for a way to further my education, although I am hesitant about the requirements. As of yet, I have not applied anywhere.

xxx.xx.41.2

I've recently worked as a practicum supervisor for a distance learning student from another MLS program. When it came time for her professor to make an on-site visit, as is the practice of that institution, the university balked at paying travel expenses for the professor. It seemed that that institution treated its distance learning students as second-class citizens. That experience has made me a bit cautious about distance learning, but I am still interested.

xxx.xx7.178.38 cost, availability of grants, scholarships, and possible credit for on-the-job experience

xxx.xx.138.6

I would also like to see classes taught on the U.T. Tyler campus. It is only a little over an hour from me. In fact, I would love to teach a basic class there. I have two Library and Information Science Degrees. One from Texas Woman's University and One from Texas A&M Commerce.

xxx.xx248.253 Quality of course presented Type of courses offered

I have doubts about the quality of distance education. I have close relatives living in Austin, so an occasional visit to meet with instructor and/or fellow students would not be a hardship.

xxx.xx0.25.148

I live in Virginia and there are no MLS programs offered in the State. I work full-time and have family obligations which prevent me from relocating to further my education. The only way I foresee being able to pursue a MLS degree is through a completely web-based program.

xxx.xx8.80.205

There are many people in Arkansas interested in the MLS program, but none exists in our state. I think the response would be overwhelmingly positive for this type of program.

xxx.xx7.173.151 cost, time commitment

xxx.xx3.41.50

if i could get a MS long distance, I would jump at it enthusiastically. I have taken some distance courses from another institution and learned much from them.

xxx.xx7.180.156 Actual cost; class format

xxx.xx4.177.60

I am employed full time as a Library Manager with the same wage as an MLS, so it would not benefit me too much to pursue a degree at this time.

xxx.xx.135.106 1) class format and presentation 2) response time to questions 3) interaction with fellow students and teachers 4) cost 5) time commitment

I prefer classes where a face-to-face exchange of ideas can occur in real time. Much of my working day is spent in front of a computer---spending evenings or weekends doing more of the same does not appeal to me. I am also concerned about students learning to work with others and to relate well with patrons. Web-based classes do not provide for the development of the "people skills" necessary to provide good service.

xxx.xx2.215.192 Continuing-education classes available. I already have an MLS.

African-American I have explored some distance courses available at other campuses. The drawbacks were cost and type of offerings. There is such a need for relevant continuing-education classes beyond the occasional regional, professional organization or vendor sponsored workshop.

xxx.xx.195.76

FYI - Work schedule precludes attendance at regular classes in my area. I already have my MLS. I am looking for continuing ed possibilities.

You should offer long distance courses. Also, graduate school admissions requirements are too tough. I am pretty sure that there are a lot of people working in libraries with the right attitude and willingness of learn more and provide better services.

xxx.xx8.157.45 the courses would have to provide real, deep, substantive value; and I'd have to make good connections in the LIS research community also as a result of participating

One thought ... could participation really connect me with the UT research community?

xxx.xx8.80.82 I already have a MLS degree from Berkeley, and am 62 years old, living on the family farm which I would hesitate to leave.

What a marvelous idea! That I could stay in Fayetteville and expand my professional education is very interesting. There are many who would like to do this who may not see this survey. Could you send us something in print form which we could give to them? Thanks.

xx.xxx.21.65 More details about cost, likelihood of receiving a job in the field afterwards, quality of instruction etc.

xxx.xx8.247.42 faculty, would prefer actual classes, accreditation and renewal by ALA, cost

xxx.xx6.2.182

I've a MLS degree from U.T., but would love to take additional courses. Once I tried to take an advanced cataloging course from North Texas that was offered in Houston. They insisted that I had to enroll in their graduate school, requiring letters of recommendations, etc. It wasn't worth the hassle, since I already had a MLS.

xxx.xx1.33.21 course offerings, American context, cost; computer requirements

I would probably tend to look at distance delivery from a Canadian institution first

xxx.xx7.163.186 How fast a computer would I need? Mine is slow. Where would I use a library to support my studies?

It sounds like a great idea, if I could get it to work for me.

xx.xx.196.153 Ability to continue program begun at University of South Florida School of Library and Information Science in School Media Certification and Master's of Library Science. ALA certification of your school also would be my requirement. A fellowship may be necessary to afford it. I still need 18 credits and must be certified as a Library Information Specialist in the State of Florida upon completion of the Master's degree.

Distance education is great, especially when it is web based and does not require face-to-face classes in person. Video conferencing is fine, but I can not come to Texas...I can't even get to Tampa and that is only 32 miles away. There are no library-science courses offered in my county for some political reason.

xxx.xx3.195.182 cost and course offerings, accreditation for distance education

I would really like to take some cataloging and web design courses in order to supplement my MLS but the closest place to where I live is over 7 hours away and I can not afford travel and out of state tuition. It would be wonderful to have a school with the reputation of UT offer something that I could utilize!

xxx.xx2.174.154

My MLIS is from U of Washington which will have a distance program next year. If I need continuing education, I will participate in the UW program.

xx.xx.115.191

I would be interested in continuing ed courses in library science via Internet.

xxx.xx8.199.43

I'm currently pursuing my MLS degree, so I wish I could have added that to question #2. Distance education has great possibilities and I look forward to hearing more about the program as it develops.

xxx.xx9.41.207 quality of courses and lack of interaction face to face with instructor. I have a MLS from TN and would be pursuing a PhD

xxx.xx.59.131 1)Format of the DL course 2)Quality of the faculty 3)Topics of the courses offered
A problem I have noticed with MLS DL is that for those of us who already have our degrees (FSU'97) a lot of the DL courses are not on topics currently hot in the field. I have done some searching and the # of courses on topics such as information ethics and intellectual privacy are rather limited. In my case I am looking for a couple of DL courses to take before returning to pursue a PhD.

xxx.xxx.0.53 Have to get approval from Employer and Ministry of Education Sponsorship Unit in Brunei, as well as husband's consent.

#2 and reasons #5 show some of the main factors that prevent us from pursuing further education in MLS. DE is a great choice for me (especially through web-based) and I can hopefully communicate through e-mail, etc. with any of my tutors or supervisors without having to go overseas. Of course I would miss the hands on experience with any technology related courses if it turns out that any of the resources required to carry on the tasks are not available here (this is my main concern)

xxx.xx.89.226

Distance education has recently become a medium for the Internet. I think that it would be wonderful for us to have a link to your university in taking any library courses through the distance-education programs. This is a great idea for any librarians around the world. I am very interested in any library-science courses in which your institution is offering. Thank you very much.

xxx.xx9.150.151

At this point in my career, I hold two master's' degrees. I would prefer being able to take some coursework toward a PhD, if at all possible. I am in a state in which I cannot obtain a PhD in library science, and am not in a position to give up my current job, assume a huge debt load, and return to school full-time for another five years.

xxx.xx.84.3

Distance education is a wonderful option for those of us not living in a state with an accredited university. I would highly encourage schools to develop library-science course that are available through the Web. However I would not ever take a distance course that cost twice as much as it would have if I had been on campus. Reasonable pricing is very important and one that not very many MLS programs have taken into consideration when developing web based programs.

xxx.xx7.97.33 cost for out of state tuition, quality of the offerings and support with technological "blips" - responsiveness of professors to Email, since face-to-face communications missing. Select from pull down menu student I am a US resident not living in Texas graduate or professional degree30-40 Female Caucasian I hope you do develop distance offerings. I will likely have completed my MLIS by then,

but have never gone more than a year without taking courses (generally at the graduate level), so would be interested in pursuing specialization certificates or the like post-graduate. (Or perhaps will pursue a doctorate).

I have a professor who is defending her thesis at UT and am very impressed with what I've heard of your program.

xxx.xx.248.136

I am currently a student at the University of South Florida in the LIS program. I have had some distance-education courses and think they're GREAT! I would like to see more. Some courses I would have been unable to do unless they were offered locally, which was not one of the university's choices (budget constraints). Good luck in your survey. Linda

xxx.xx6.135.196 I would like the option to take longer than a semester to complete a course. I already have an MLS but would be interested in a course for continuing education. Since my job is fulltime, I have an hour commute, and I have a house and a family, time is at an incredible premium. Being able to take two semesters to complete a semester course might make the difference to me.

I think there is a need for continuing-education opportunities for those working in libraries. Structuring those opportunities to take into account people's schedules would make a big difference.

xxx.xx1.198.26

How about distance-education courses that cost *less* than the courses offered on campus? I am assuming out-of-state rates, not in-state which are already low. How would you support web classes, especially in terms of print materials? Thanks

xxx.xx7.113.2

As a recent MLS graduate (State Univ. of New York at Buffalo), I can see the pros and cons of distance ed. I think it is especially useful for continuing ed. for professionals with their degree who are unable to physically attend classes elsewhere. For me (living in Ohio), it would be useful, as there is only one accredited library school in the state (Kent State), which is very close to me.

xx.xxx.130.185 the cost, the teaching

xxx.xx.248.178 I could not afford to take a year off from work in order to take the classes necessary to get the MLS.

I am very open to the idea of distance-education programs especially if they will enable me to get an MLS and a better chance for a better job.

xxx.xx9.229.92

Synchronous and asynchronous communications are too numerous for a progressive university to want to stay in the traditional mode of having students attend class in a classroom setting.

Those institutions that want to stay in touch with students need to look at students as consumers, and meet their demands. Students who are pressed for time will gravitate to those institutions that are offering distance education over the Internet. Take a look at Global Information Infrastructure projects of the 7 richest nations and Russia to get a feel of what they have in store for Internet classes and resources.

xxx.xx9.115.254 irrelevant - could not move to take classes period

I obtained my MS in IS from UNT's distance-education program in Houston. Although I knew UT's program was rated higher, I couldn't just drop everything(good job, family, baby) and move. While far from bug-proof, I don't feel I received a substandard education, my employer doesn't feel I'm a substandard librarian. The only major beef I had with distance education was the variety of classes available (no web, no networking). I'll be ready to start a second master's soon, you bet I'll be looking for a place I can do most of the work online.

xxx.xx5.15.253 detailed description of courses offered and means of taking the courses, the Web, long distance class, etc...

I have taken at least one distance ed. class based on an electronic classroom and one that was basically taught over the Internet. I enjoyed both. The former had at times glitches with the equipment and I felt at times we rushed through material too quickly. Since this was a summer class that may have been the nature of the time period. The other one was an Internet based class on Using the Internet. I learned a lot. At times not being able to be close geographically to the instructor for help was frustrating, but I still felt the class was useful.

xxx.xx.6.252

I would be very interested in taking a distance-learning course in Library and Information Science, with the only constraint being financial. Presently, I have set aside work on a dissertation, as with my current job responsibilities and salary level, I have no extra time or money available for this purpose (no matter how personally enriching). But a distance-learning course that I could carry out using the Internet at my place of employment and that would enhance my professional skills would be of great interest, if some sort of financial assistance could be made available (from employer, school, or government). Thank you for sending this survey, and I hope that you carry through with your plans to make distance-learning available.

xx.xx.233.39 face-to-face contact with professors; would want profs to fly to a central site in my state for live classes

Program needs to be *highly organized* with very strong attention to adults who already work full-time and are enrolled in a master's program.

xx.xxx.93.28

My boss received her MLIS through a distance-education program as was happy with it. She has had some problems with the administrative end of it though. So, it would be nice to have a choice of programs to work with.

xxx.xx8.67.90 cost, accommodation, course requirements

xxx.xx6.29.10 Since there is no possible chance of getting this degree where I live, I am very interested in pursuing distance education through the University of Texas at Austin.

xxx.xx2.211.194 I'm not sure the courses would be as good as, or different from, the ones I could get in person at UCLA.

I think that the costs to UT would be equivalent to, or greater than, the costs of offering conventional coursework.

xxx.xx0.99.176 I am already enrolled in an MLS program.

xxx.xx3.131.111

I did much of my MLIS via distance education through the University of South Carolina, and was delighted to be able to pursue my degree while working full time in another part of the state.

xxx.xx1.179.69 Knowing that the institution is fully accredited. Getting enough help with my classes on the through long distance.

I have mismatched thoughts about distance education. I am concerned of the type of help one would get if one needed to have something explained at length. Normally, one would ask for a meeting for the professor, but when the teachers are not near, then what?

xxx.xx9.29.11. Cost 2. Would any classes have to be taken on campus?

xxx.xx1.10.98 price

xx.xx.145.242 I currently hold an MLS and am interested in pursuing a PhD. I would like to be able to do some of the coursework as distance education.

xxx.xx1.28.200

Even the short term residency requirements can affect decisions as that is time away from work and family. Not all employers can (will?) contribute to something such as this---paying for your time when you must be away for the required residency. For me, the currency exchange is the determining factor. Being Canadian, I can not afford the tuition and then pay for the travel/B&R, etc. on top. I am seeking a distance-education program that makes reduces the time away from work and family to the lowest possible timeframe. I should also mention the need for on-line attendance---this tends to happen during normal hours of work if you don't live in the time-zone of the home institution. Again, the employer may find this difficult to accept even if you make the time up after 'normal' work hours and during weekends. Hope your results are distributed back and remain confidential. Good luck

xxx.xx8.80.90
great idea

xxx.xx9.19.253

Will you offer a doctoral degree? That is all I am interested in taking at this point. Being able to do most of it through distance ed. with very little "Residence" time would be a huge deciding factor along with the cost.

I am only interested in two types of educational experiences beyond the two master's degrees (one an M.L.S.) that I already have. One would be any useful courses related to archives and manuscripts. The other would be a fully accredited distance-education program at the doctoral level that would be useful in the academic library setting. Thanks.

xxx.xx.87.161 Would you help me find a place to stay? What about my husband? Would all of this trouble assure me job placement and at what average beginning salary?

I currently work as library staff. I enjoy my job so I am interested in obtaining a master's degree. If I get one from this school, I can no longer work here. I need distance education if I want to maintain my current working status. If you can give me a job to come study there let me know!

xxx.xx5.51.222 What types of software might be required, what classes would be offered - any advanced ones?

For my situation, only courses that are available entirely online are feasible. Thank you for considering this option.

xxx.xx3.171.146

I began my library certification in 1972 and received 15 hours of A. Then like many people children and marriage took priority. I would now of course like to have my MLS, but having worked as a librarian for the last nine years, I have some questions about starting ALL over. Understand, they did not have the GRE test when I was accepted into graduate school and I haven't taken a math course since 1962. I am certified K-12 and have 32 graduate hours. I have have been a full time librarian for the last 9 years in all three school levels. Presently I teach 23 classes per week, do 6 outside duties, circulate 46,900 books per school year, mentor a substitute long term librarian and have 2 book clubs. I am working about 55-60 hours a week. It would seem that some of my experience should count. But, on a librarians salary of 36,000 there just isn't much money left to pay out of state tuition and I really question the validity of taking one now.

xxx.xx5.236.43

As a retired librarian, I still desire to keep up with new trends in the field. For physical reasons, distance learning is probably my only option at this time.

xxx.xx8.22.219 I live in Canada so cost of the course might be prohibitive due to the low value of the Canadian dollar.

xxx.xx0.200.43

I really would like to obtain my MLS, but I have a family consisting of four children and a husband, and a distance program would be a God sent for me. Thanks!!!

xxx.xx9.132.225

I'm glad to see something about library education and continuing education on the net. As I rise through the ranks of the library world, I feel I need more management skills, more computer skills and a refresher about some of my daily work (cataloging) and the kinds of things people are doing on automated systems in cataloging.

xxx.xx4.195.94 What programs would need to be used on the computer? How would we interface with the prof and classmates? What happens when we need to work overtime at our jobs? Is the classes only taught during the day, or are night classes possible? How much are the credit hours in \$?

I have been trying to get to El Paso to check into these courses but have several constraints. I don't want to pay out of state tuition as Dona Ana County (NM) and El Paso county (TX) have reciprocal agreements. If distance education were to be started, do we need to submit our application to UT at Austin or El Paso? My work requirements have us working 9 hour days with every other Friday off. That stops most classes. Plus it takes me at least 45 minutes to an hour and a half to get home, depending upon the traffic. Thus the interest in day or evening classes. If you require a stay of one year in Austin, what about those of us who cannot leave our jobs? How soon will the results of this survey be known?

xxx.xx8.194.6

I would love to hear more about a distance-education program at UT- Austin I have thought very seriously about going to your school but I did not meet the admissions requirements. Oh well life happens.

xxx.xx6.13.196 cost, time the classes were available--would need to be able to access at whatever time the computer and I were available together.

I am taking courses prior to applying for acceptance to a closer university. This semester I must apply for acceptance in their program for the hours to apply toward my MLs. E-mail classes available to me late at night or whenever would be great. With the hours on the job and the hours required for housewife, daughter, wife, mom, and grandma, this type of class holds a great deal of interest for me.

xxx.xx3.163.196 questions would all be content based. It would just depend on whether the courses offered were in line with my professional development needs at the time.

xxx.xx7.206.73 cost, exchange rate, whether classes would be completely online (without a residency requirement) 2 = Neutral or don't know library employee I reside outside the U.S.

xxx.xx9.31.26 need PHD classes
sure would like to see some PHD offerings via distance ed

xxx.xx7.161.213 Content of the class; cost; how relevant the courses are to my current position, and to my future plans.

xxx.xx8.7.208 want to work at my own pace without traditional deadlines

xxx.xx1.162.109 Ability to login to the campus online databases is a problem to be resolved with vendors (learned at Syracuse U). i.e. lack of campus facilities (the library itself) & for instance, with archives, learning by watching/apprenticeship.

Like most participants, I'd love to learn your final decision. Thanks!

xxx.xx2.182.2 I won't want to have to go to Texas at all. Too costly.
I've just switched from public library work to academic and could use some CE in reference and collection development.

xxx.xx3.24.98 As long as the classes were just as credible as taking them in a classroom setting.
Are you still required to have a two year degree to go ahead and get your MLS?

xxx.xx.12.98

I'm taking a Virtual Collection Development course with University of Wisconsin-Madison. It has been very helpful. I would hope your course would cost less than theirs-\$285.

xxx.xx4.0.241 I am currently a librarian in an academic library. I am excited about the possibility of continuing education. Thanks.

xxx.xx8.80.110 Financial information (cost of courses). Computer requirements (equipment, etc.). Are classes done in "real time" or can I take them at my convenience? What are the entrance requirements for the program (GRE or MAT, GPA, etc.)? Would I be required to attend any classes on campus during the program (such as summer semesters)

Arkansas desperately needs an accredited Library-science degree program, but I see no chance of it happening in time for me to take advantage of it. I am seriously considering enrolling in a distance learning program in Library Science in the Fall semester of 2000. I would welcome any information about your proposed program that you have available.

xxx.xx.85.206 RECOGNITION OF THE AUSTIN DIPLOMA ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

xxx.xx.125.239

I currently reside in west virginia, a state which has no college or university offering a MLS degree program. Distance education is most likely the only way I would be able to earn credits toward this degree.

xxx.xx.161.195 *must be available on the web *must not require long periods of time away from home *must be able to finish within a two year period of time

xxx.xx7.67.97 technical skills needed in using the DE

I think distance education is a great idea. I live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. I'm only less than 2 hours away from two accredited library schools, I dread the thought of driving in heavy commuter traffic and the time spent doing it, and then having to make up the time at work. I have taken a distance education extension course via the University of Wisconsin-Madison Library & Information Sciences School - it was great. I learned a great deal from my virtual classmates. I think one (me for example) would not be as intimidated to participate in an online class discussion knowing that your classmates and your "teacher" can't see you. A concern I have for initiating courses for credit and paying big bucks is that I have a learning disability. In this age of getting it down quickly because technology moves faster than the speed of light, is that I may not be able to keep up.

xxx.xx4.126.87 To have an scholarship and to be sure that there is no racism in Texas

Here in Mexico there is no distance education on librarianship. The ITESM is giving one but only to their employees and was made in a rush. It does not have the ALA recognition. In Mexico if you like to study librarianship as a master you need to be in Monterrey or in Mexico city. In Monterrey each Year the librarian students need to meet in front of the dean office so he don't close the master program. In México The national University UNAM is on a stocke. If you work somewhere else; you cant work and study at the same time. I guess that you can improve your distance education with the ITESM but getting involved with the MLIS actively. Not only designing the activities, but asesoring the students and lending your databases, of course if possible. Hope to hear from you soon as a MLIS recognized program by ALA on distance education.

xxx.xx.126.177 Is there any travel to Austin? How much is the program?

xxx.xx6.218.193 I'm looking for continuing-education opportunities. What classes are available? where? an online course would be great! The content of an online class as well as the application of new technologies would be great!

Many colleagues in my state ask...What can we do for continuing education? Virginia does not have library schools, and tuition at available programs is astronomical. An online course would be a godsend and there is a huge potential market.

xxx.xx5.253.3 I am half-way though a program at Texas Woman's University, which they have stopped offering in my location (Plainview, TX). I am desperate to finish my MLS before my time runs out and I lose my program credits.

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xxx.xx.5.81 I am concerned that distance programs for this area require expensive travel and lodging. I feel that the requirement for travel to the distance campuses is close to impossible due to the added costs and time away from family and employment.

xxx.xx.205.244 Academic quality of the program

This program would only be feasible for me if I did not pay out-of-state tuition.

xxx.xx5.104.40

I would be extremely interested in taking any coursework available via distance ed in relationship to a doctorate degree in library science.

xxx.xx6.3.58 courses relevant to software engineering and software project management

-credibility/accreditation issues

- I'd love to get PMI (project management certification) training courses through an LIS program

- need a package that looks sexy enough that I can convince my company to pay for it.

- offer courses in computer language, programming, project management, and the likelihood of my taking courses with you increases exponentially.

xxx.xx3.22.21 Available funds

It would hinge on affordability, I could commute to El Paso for library use, but would NOT be willing to relocate for a year to Austin.

xxx.xx5.244.40 transportation, housing

xxx.xx8.10.100 I wouldn't move to another location. I would be more interested in continuing education in my field (medical librarianship) via web based learning.

xxx.xx4.56.52 Giving where I live the only option open to me is to at least start getting my MLS via the Internet.

xxx.xx.35.212 It all depends upon the subject of the course being offered. I'd look for continuing-education classes, IT, Management, Digital libraries...

I am particularly interested in seeing distance education advanced courses & continuing-education opportunities for people who already have MLS degrees. I took some web-based distance education classes as part of my MLS at another institution it was a wonderful experience, very enriching. The hard part was getting the same type of library curriculum support/access rights that an on campus student does. Thanks for asking.:-)

xxx.xx7.116.67 2=possibly money 1=unlikely 3=likely 4=Very interested library employee

I am a US resident not living in Texas graduate or professional degree40-50 Female African-American

xx.xx.66.230 cost

xx.xx.106.2

I am just slightly interested in taking a course. I would like to know more about cataloging and thought I might be interested in a class of that nature.

xxx.xx8.71.209 Travel is out of the question. I would like to do my MLS totally over the Net I work full time as a librarian. Although I have worked in libraries for years, and can do my job well, I am going to need the "paper" to help satisfy my state's (PA) requirement for FTE MLS staff per capita. I am not trying to get out of working for my degree, but I have a job and a family, and a place in the community, and I don't want to have to travel to get my degree, when I could do it via the Web.

xxx.xx.32.180 Availability of classes on topics not available at nearby LIS program
I'm presently enrolled in an MLS program. My interest in distance education would be in supplementing locally available classes, and in the prospect of being able to continue professional education if my career takes me out of the proximity of an accredited program.
The high prestige of UT-Austin in general and of its LIS program in particular would make distance education options from UT-Austin much more potentially attractive than a similar program from a less well-regarded school. I think there's a huge market to be tapped in continuing education for librarians; school librarians can take a summer off to take further classes in new topics at the nearest SLIS program, but public, academic, and special library employees are stuck to their desks 12 months a year. I would urge you not to offer exclusively classes on "new" technologies, however. Obviously there's a market for that; but there are other gaps in our educations as well. A class in science librarianship would attract a lot of interest, I suspect; another area that's been dropped from a lot of SLIS programs as administrators hustle to look "modern" and techno-hip is the history of libraries. Only a few North American SLIS schools still offer it. Don't think exclusively of hot new topics as you plan this program. Think also about overlooked and specialized topics that other schools aren't offering.

xxx.xx.134.155
I think distance education is a great opportunity for people like me (adult student) to obtain the education and career goals previously unavailable. Distance education, provided it is offered by a reputable, and well respected institution, can be the answer to juggling work, home and education.

xxx.xx6.51.112 The distance from Del Rio to San Antonio is still a major problem for distance learning. As a working librarian with a family, a one year stay in Austin would be extremely difficult. The Texas Library Association is attempting to set standards which would require Val Verde County Library to have two librarians with an ALA-accredited MLS in the very near future. Distance learning in San Antonio, while a real possibility, would still be very difficult considering the six-hour round trip from Del Rio to San Antonio. Internet courses would be extremely helpful in obtaining an MLS from UT-Austin. I could consider residency requirements if summer residency was a possibility. Some of us who wish to become real "live" librarians cannot afford to stop working for an entire year.

xxx.xx7.96.93
I was initially not all that thrilled with the distance education classes at the University of South Carolina, but after having completed the program and having seen what passes for distance ed at some other institutions (and I don't mean Texas, I am totally unfamiliar with your programs)I have great respect for what the faculty and staff of USC CLIS and Distance Ed. have accomplished.

xxx.xx3.151.188 cost

xxx.xx6.74.145 1. Cost 2. Courses offered 3. How presented

xxx.xx1.179.125 Must be ALA accredited. The diploma would have to be just as viable as a diploma earned by attending the University.
The opportunity to get a MLS from a school considered top 10 in the field would be wonderful. Moving to Texas is unlikely, so distance education would be a wonderful opportunity. I suggest once you have the program up some of your announcements should go to the library listservs. There are lots of potential students on those discussion groups. Good Luck, I hope you establish an ALA accredited program.

xxx.xx2.136.103
I have an MSLS, I'm interested in a doctoral program.

xxx.xx8.235.163 Would need to know if I would gain any benefit from it.
It would be nice if some school, somewhere, offered courses that would enhance the job skills of persons already employed by libraries. This would make employees more versatile and more valuable.

xxx.xx.125.202 accessibility of supporting materials, cost, access to other students and tutor for discussion, live in uk
Potentially I like the idea of being able to study without traveling long distance and to do it at a time to suit myself. The idea of living in the uk and doing a USA qualification intrigues me - a hands-on way of finding out how the process works. What I am really interested in is how access to reading materials is handled. Long hours spent staring at a computer screen are not beneficial to health.

xxx.xx1.213.65 Course offerings Cost

xx.xx.178.151 I would feel comfortable that, although I will not be in physical attendance, I will have the same access to options students who physically attend have.
I have wanted to pursue a career in Library Science since I graduated from high school. My first goal of a Bachelor's degree has brought me so close to obtaining my ultimate goal, but the fact that there are only 3 accredited MLIS colleges in Texas and they are all so far from where I live. I have been patiently waiting for technology to catch up with one of the schools or I am able to transfer within my employment.

xxx.xx4.1.184 Main interest is continuing education.
I am very interested in distance education in the LIS field, especially continuing-education classes, covering the "hot" fields of the profession, such as Internet / Intranet, IT and Knowledge Management. My country, Switzerland, is too small to maintain broad and substantial enough possibilities for continuing education in my field. We are bound to look abroad for learning and keeping up to date.

xxx.xx4.198.156 Need courses in automation, electronic searching and web page design for libraries. I have my MLS(1975) and have kept up-to-date via workshops & conferences, but travel costs are high. If it is cost-effective and interest specific, I would be willing to take a course. Professional upgrading when you are 250km away from a major university means limited opportunity for professional development, especially when professional development money is minimal.

xx.xx.231.177 I am in the first 2 classes of a 12 class MSLIS program and drive 100 miles round trip for school. Extra trips are necessary in order to complete assignments at their library. There is only one GSLIS program in the Chicagoland area and many of us are quite disenchanted with the lack of any regard for commuter students.
I would welcome an opportunity to explore a MLIS degree through distance learning. I am self-motivated and disciplined. The biggest problem with the graduated program I am in is that it is too far away to be convenient. The traffic makes it just under two hours one way to get there.

xxx.xx.118.145 I can't stay one year in Austin Texas
I think this would be a good option, but most of the times de costs are the obstacle to grow in the professional area.

xxx.xx4.137.2 quality of coursework, interaction with faculty and other students, access to labs or other facilities, ability to work on team projects

xxx.xx.177.29
I worry that it may be too late for me -- can you teach an "old dog" new tricks?!

xxx.xx7.16.95 The time and costs involved. The specific areas of library and information science covered. The overall relevance to my current library job and specialties.

xxx.xx.199.43

I don't think a degree is cost-effective for me at my age and place of residence, but I do like to keep up in the field to improve my job skills. I have over 48 hours graduate work, but most are in another field other than Lib. Sc.

xxx.xx7.55.130 I would be looking for certificate or post-MLS program that has no residency requirements and is fully accredited.

xxx.xx9.138.235

As an educator, the potential for all web-based learning excites me. I'm considering a move to Austin anyway, but I'd still considering taking web-based classes if they offered additional scheduling flexibility.

xxx.xx5.136.13 Marketability of degree to national job environments

xxx.xx1.232.105 That the majority of the degree could be done via the Internet or via TV at a local site here in Oregon.

xxx.xx6.175.77 The degree would have to be affordable. Further, I am currently commuting to Tulsa, OK from Little Rock, AR and it would be important to me that my Oklahoma credits could transfer. Please, offer affordable distance education. Both of the universities that currently offer this degree via distance education are NOT affordable. Thank you!

x.xx.66.217 I'd like to see a web program that costs closer to in-state tuition. The best thing about the Internet is that it opens information up to people all over the world for a typically very affordable cost regardless of geographical location-- it seems silly to be asked to pay out of state tuition rates to pursue a degree via the web.

Library employees who wish to further their career but who do not live in the vicinity of a school with an accredited library program need more affordable options. The combined costs of out-of-state tuition and frequent travel or relocation make it difficult for those not single and wealthy to find a way to pay for graduate study. Loans are not an attractive option when many areas offer low salaries even after you've completed the degree. I believe that employees holding professional degrees are beneficial to libraries, but not enough is being done to make this goal affordable to those who cannot easily relocate.

xxx.xx6.17.239

Would be interested in an EdD or PhD in librarianship, library management, or education-librarianship via distance education!

xxx.xx0.98.238 I am very familiar with distance education from attending the University of Hawaii where classes are held in the evening with interactive televised links to the various other islands. It is as effective as "attending" in the same room. I have no reservations about taking additional graduate courses and would love to complete additional courses and even go for a PhD or EdD in LIS. I just can't possibly quit my job to move to Austin and take day classes.

xxx.xx4.243.126 length of time to spend in Austin, cost (out of state fees)

Distance education is a great option IF IT IS AFFORDABLE. The two schools in my state that offer Library Science are at least 3 hours away. Indiana offers the program only an hour away, but the out of state fees make the cost prohibitive for me.