



Library and Archives Survey Results

2023



Background

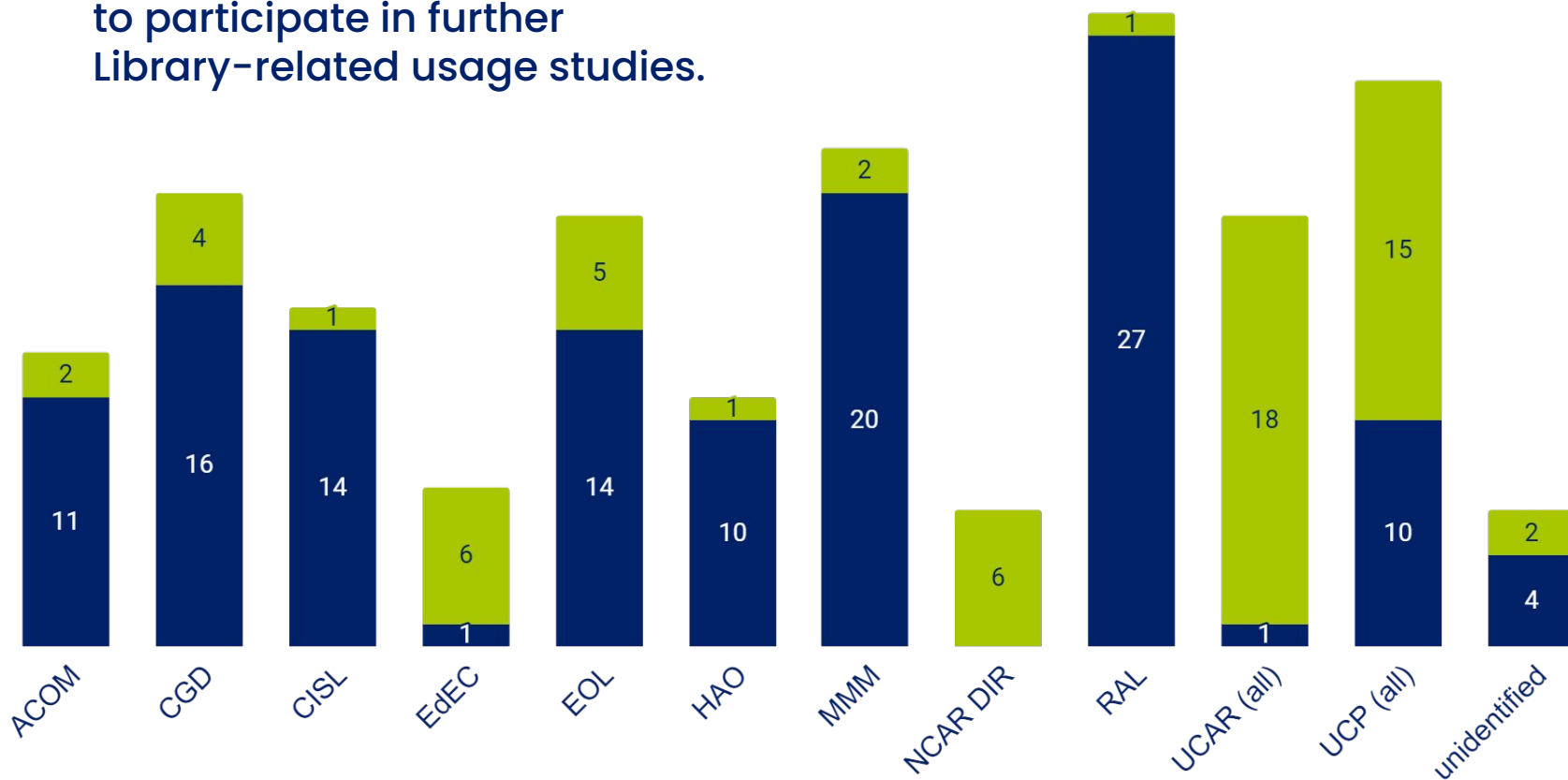
- Survey collected **199** responses (13.5% of target audience)
- Open from November 1–22, 2023
- Administered and analyzed by Library staff



In which lab/program do you currently work? (n=190) What would best describe your role? (n=192)

30 people indicated interest to participate in further Library-related usage studies.

■ Non-Scientific ■ Scientists and Engineers





Results



I currently depend on the NCAR|UCAR Library to... (select all that apply) (n=184)

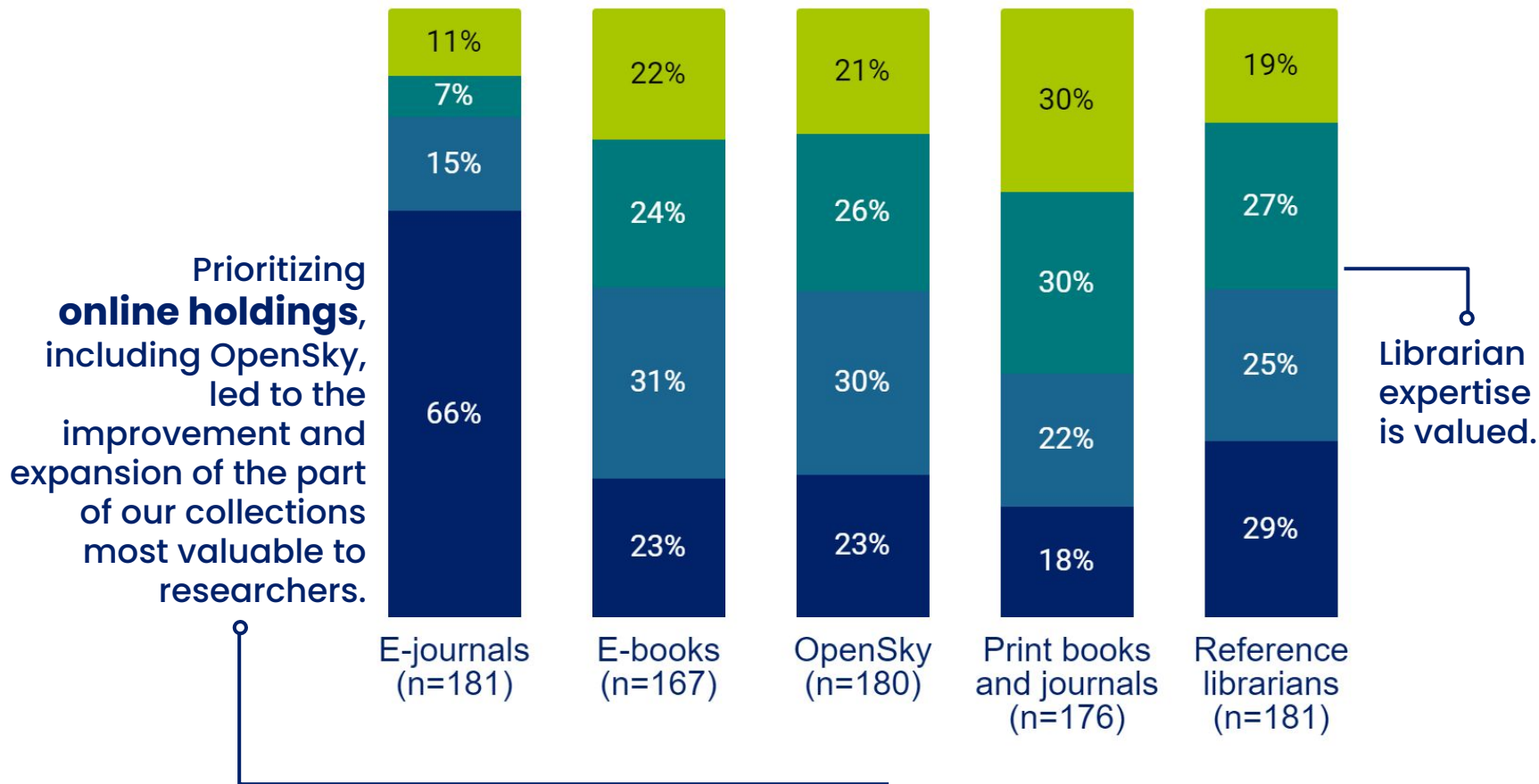
<p>Help me stay abreast of developments in my field.</p> <p>101</p>	<p>Preserve and provide access to NCAR historical records.</p> <p>86</p>	<p>Provide knowledgeable staff to assist me.</p> <p>86</p>	<p>Provide comfortable, physical work space.</p> <p>83</p>	<p>Help me with data citation and curation.</p> <p>57</p>	
				<p>Help me preserve my research outputs for the future.</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Help me understand the impact of my work.</p> <p>21</p>
				<p>Help me disseminate my work more broadly.</p> <p>16</p>	

Other comments: I don't use the library (9)



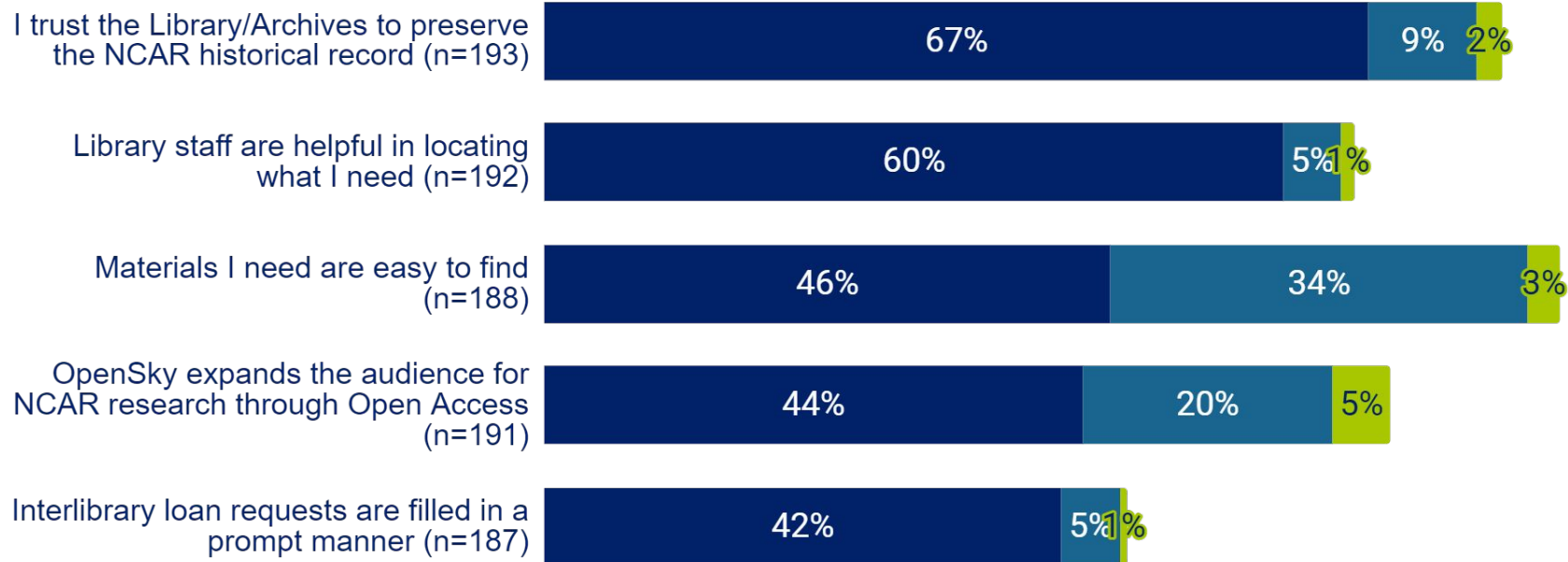
In the past two years, what has been the value of having access to the following sources of information?

■ Little or no value ■ Some value ■ Significant value ■ Critical value



What is your level of agreement with the following statements based on your experiences using NCAR|UCAR Library resources and services in the past two years?

■ Agree ■ Somewhat Agree ■ Somewhat Disagree to Disagree



People feel **positive** when they use the NSF NCAR Library and Archives and are **extremely satisfied** with the services and resources currently available.

Negative responses were so few, they are combined into one category.



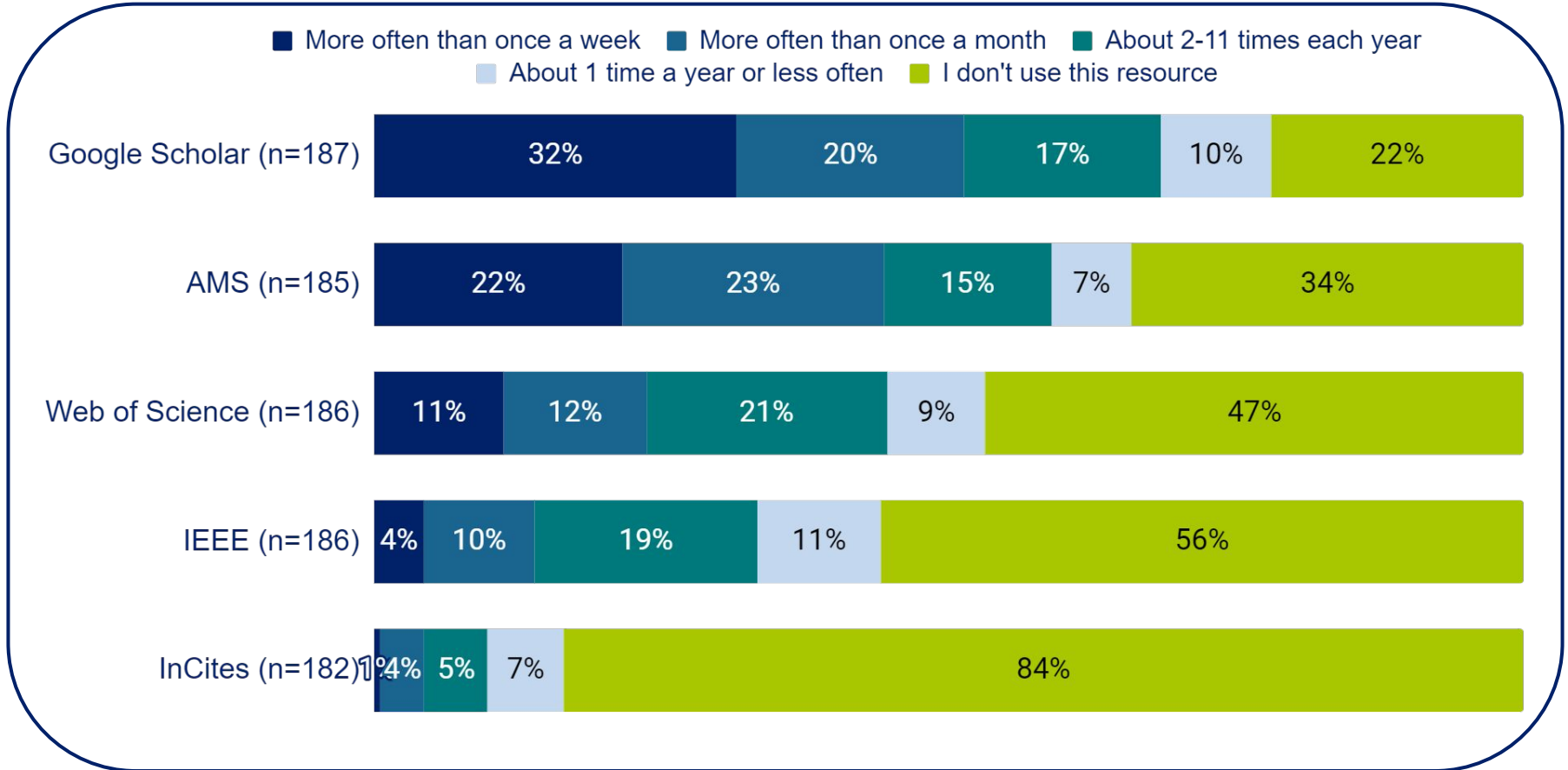
Please indicate your overall level of satisfaction with the NCAR|UCAR Library.



Responses are overwhelmingly positive, with high overall satisfaction.
 Negative responses averaged only 1.04%.



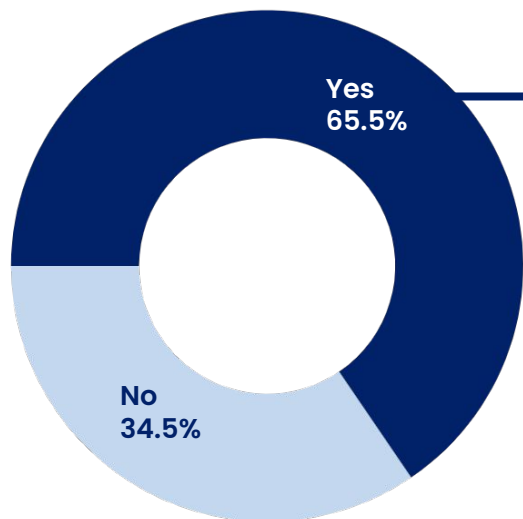
How often do you use these resources?



The NSF NCAR Library provides access to resources through various portals.
Self-reported usage trends largely align with analytics data.



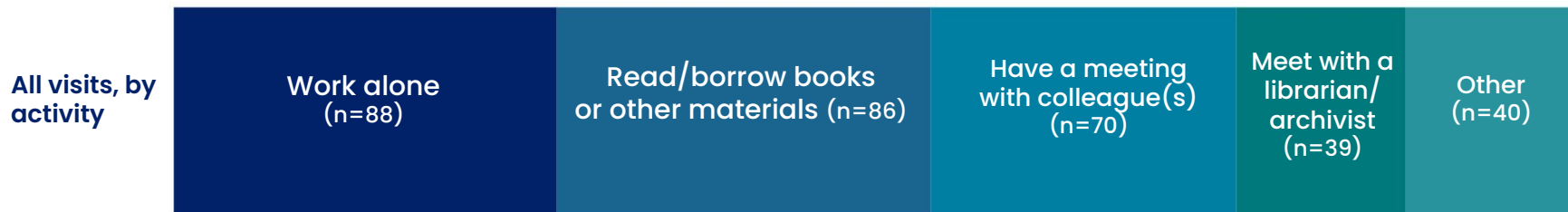
Have you visited a NCAR|UCAR Library location in the past twelve months? (n=197)



Which library did you visit?



What did you do during your visit?



Please share your thoughts about these physical library spaces.

A summarization of all answers is:

- 34 - Enthusiasm for ML,
including 14 specific to the refreshed space**
- 7 - Enthusiasm for library space, generally**
- 6 - Dissatisfaction with FL space**
- 4 - Enthusiasm for print collection of books**
- 4 - Didn't know that CG (3) or FL (1) existed**
- 2 - Enthusiasm for CG**
- 2 - Enthusiasm for FL**
- 2 - Dissatisfaction with CG space**



Enthusiasm for ML Library

"I absolutely adore the Mesa Lab library, what an amazing space."

"...such a treat to visit; I loved the stickers at the front desk! I also really loved the comfy sitting area towards the back!"

"The ML library is a fantastic space for quiet concentration."

"ML library is a very nice space, something that is becoming increasingly rare these days, with a great eye toward the overall experience of physically being in the library."

"Mesa Lab is a great physical space for meetings or quiet working"

"I love the renovated ML library! It has great workspaces and spaces for collaboration and small meetings/discussions."

"Mesa Lab is my favorite"

"Love the ML space refresh - it's a great blend of resources, individual space, and small group space."

"The ML library space is great and inviting."

"I'm at the ML. The library is beautiful and an exceptional place to bring colleagues and hold collaborations and workshops."

"The space updates are so wonderful!"

"Really like the Mesa lab library updates, as the back area has served a valuable collaborative area. Also just a great space to read in the quiet in an environment that isn't my office."

"Very nicely remodeled"

"Really like the Mesa Lab library. It is a special, beautiful place that I hope is preserved."

"The ML library is wonderful"

"ML library is a great space following the remodel."

"I really like the revamped ML Library."

"The Mesa Library is always a quiet inspiring place to go work when that is needed... the books that are on shelves in the library gives me a feeling of comfort."

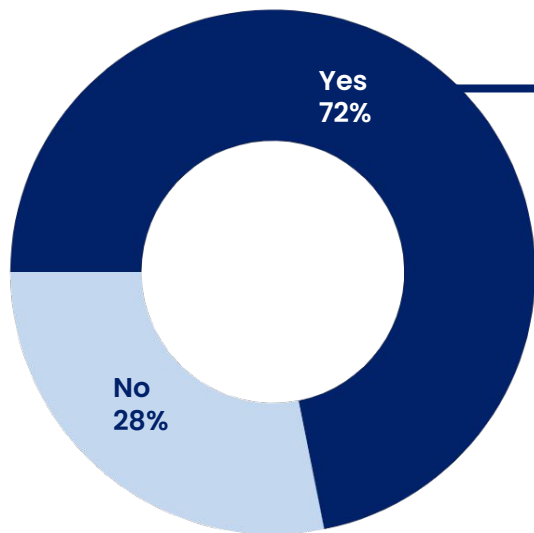
"I love the renovated ML library space -- we host the CESM tutorial here and it is an excellent space for this activity."

"I like the Mesa library!"

"I enjoy the Library space! Many visitors comment about what a wonderful space it is and appreciate that it is open to the public."



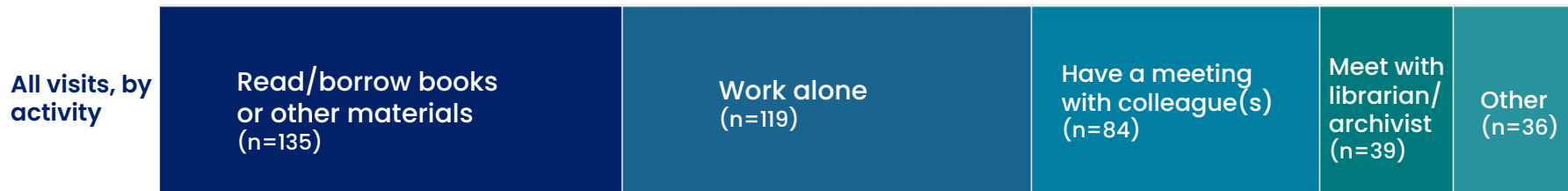
Do you plan to visit an NCAR|UCAR Library location in the next twelve months? (n=195)



Which library will you visit?

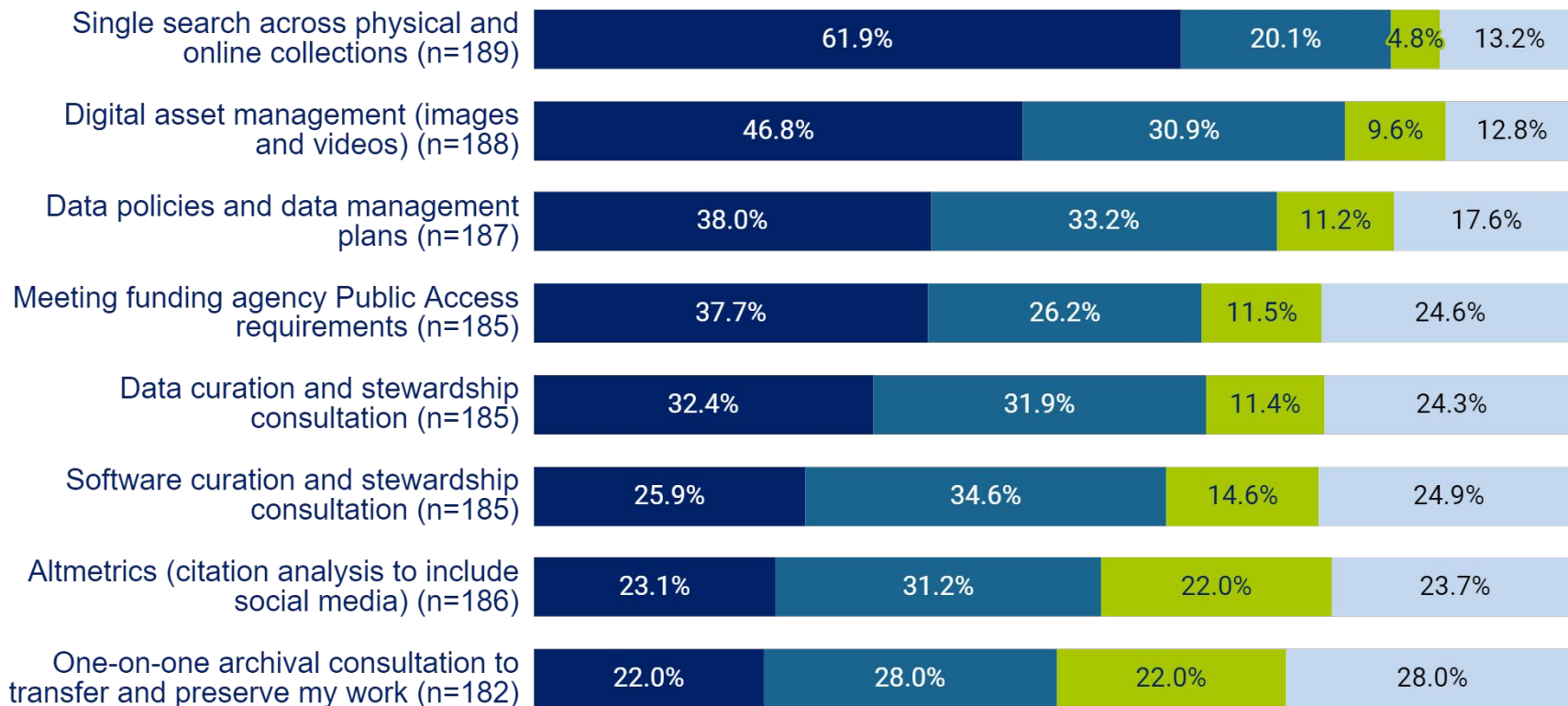


What do you want to do there?

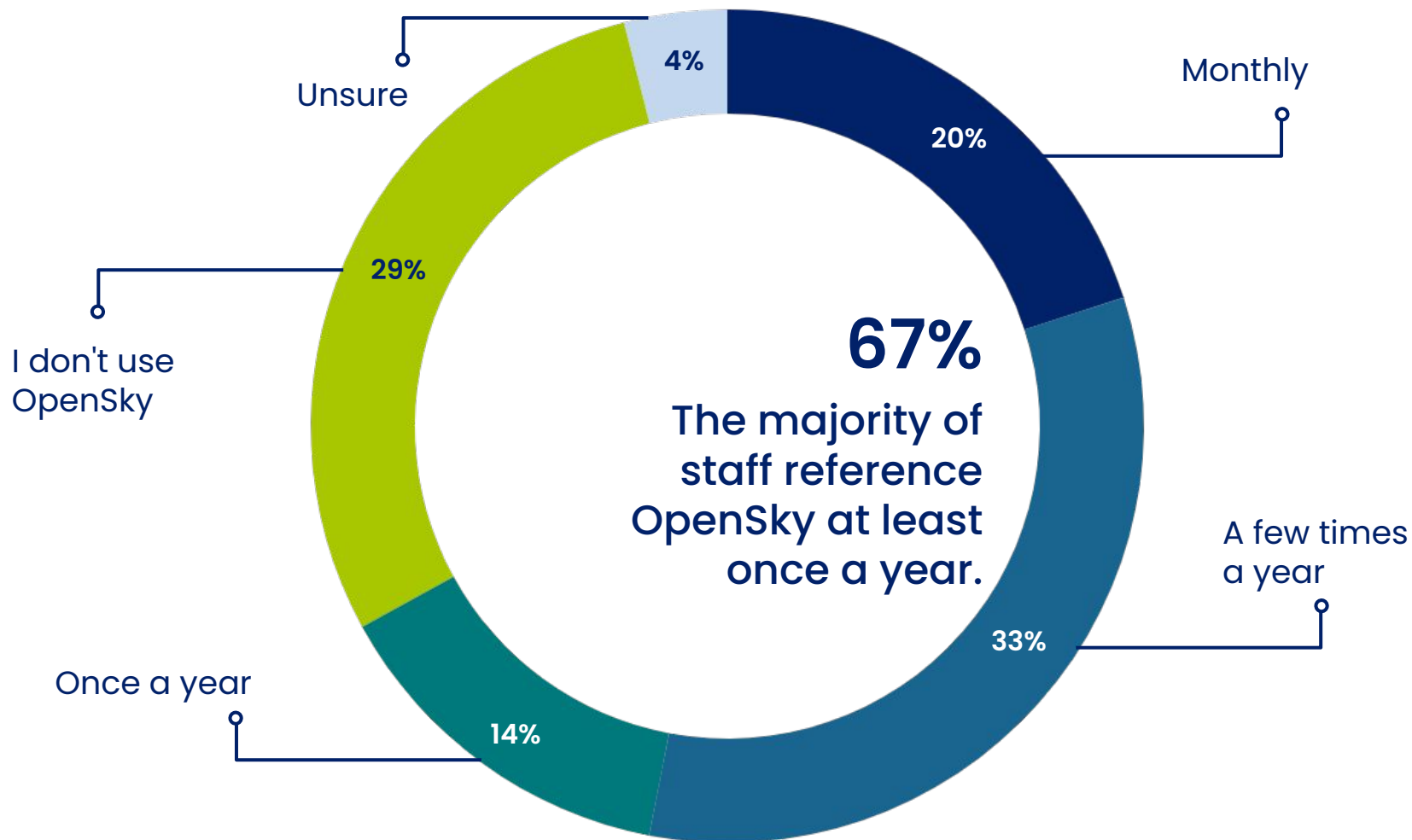


Here are some current trends in research libraries. Which of these services are of the most interest to you?

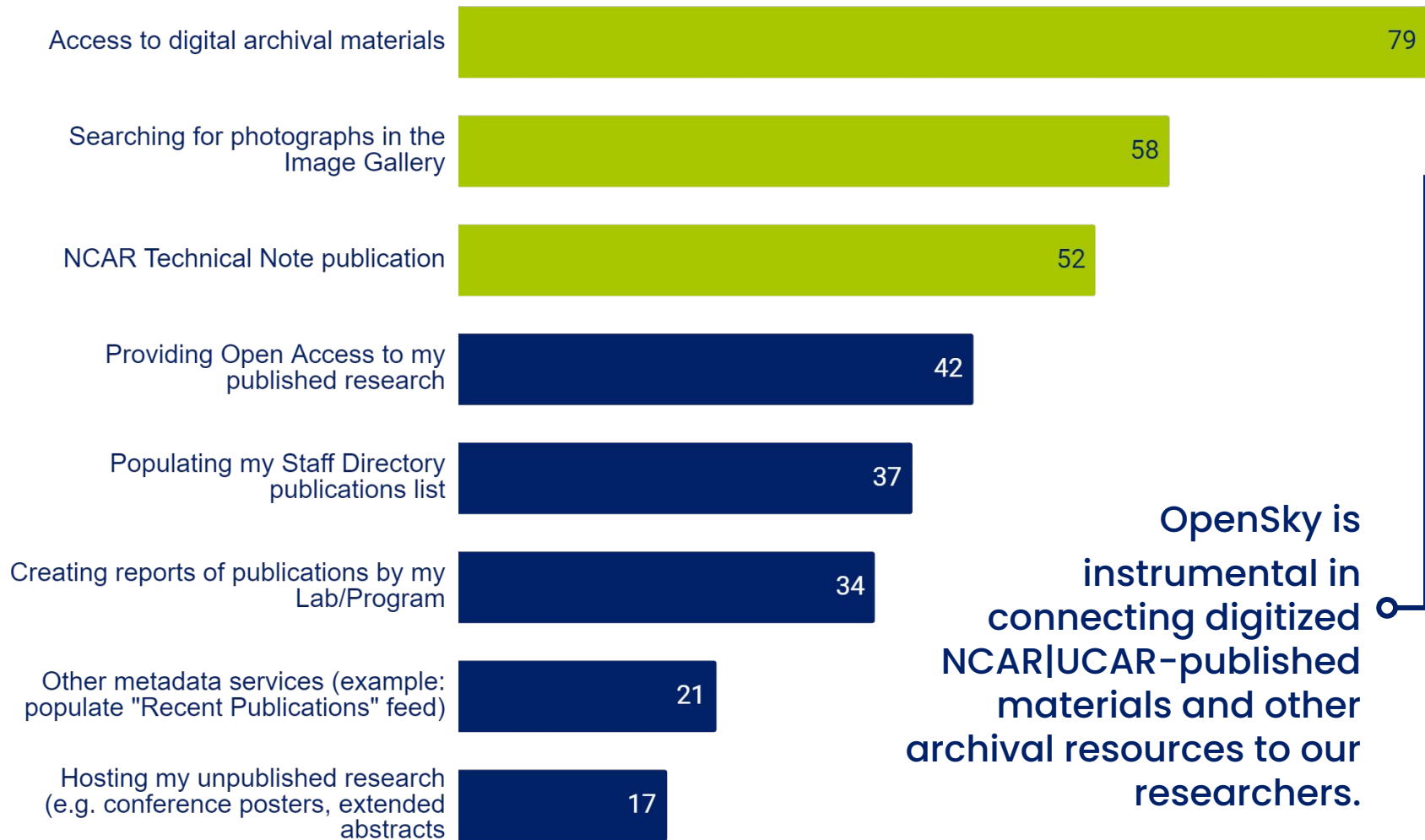
■ I love this idea! ■ Maybe ■ No thanks ■ I don't know



How often do you use OpenSky? (n=196)



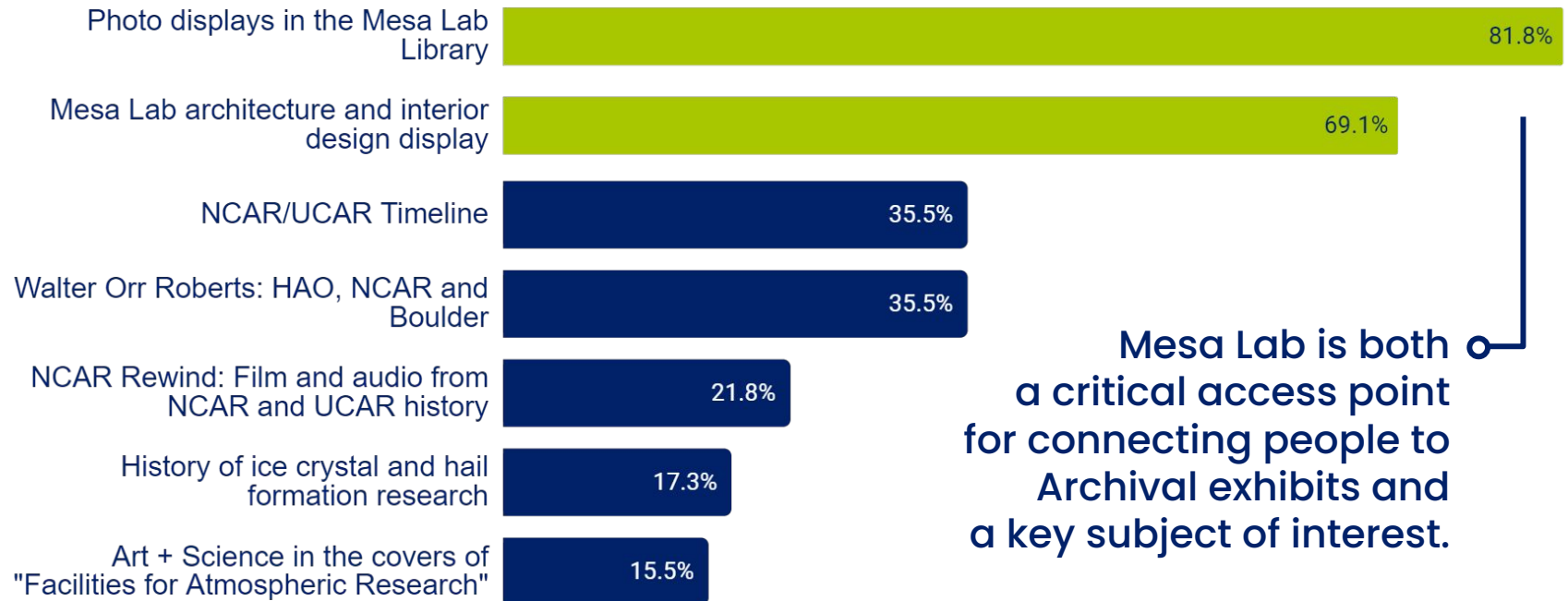
I use OpenSky for: (n=131)



OpenSky is instrumental in connecting digitized NCAR|UCAR-published materials and other archival resources to our researchers.



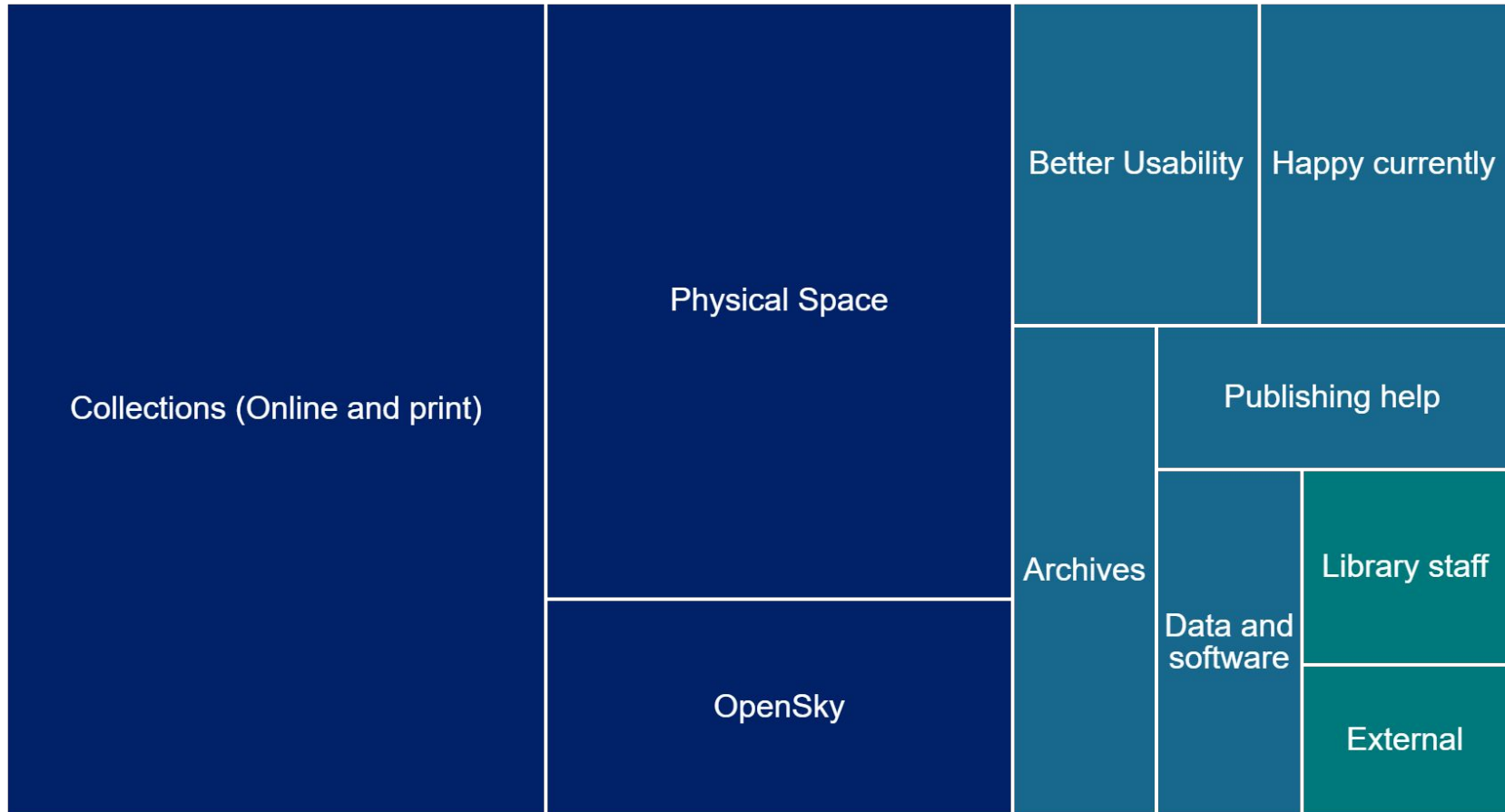
In the past two years, have you seen any of these in-person or online exhibits from the NCAR Archives? (n=110)



Paired with analytics data, these responses will help us evaluate staff usage of in-person and online exhibits.



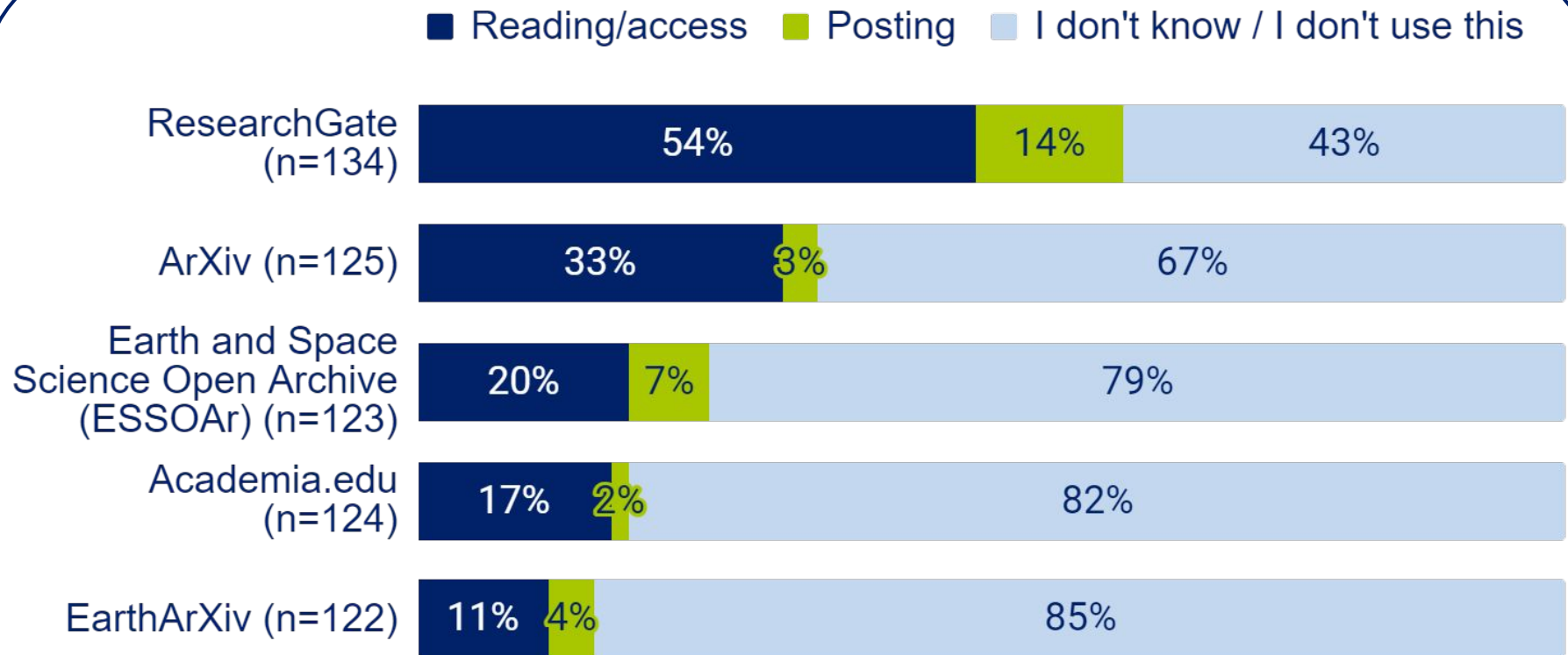
How do you envision the best future of the NCAR|UCAR Library? (n=71, grouped by primary concern)



Researchers identified a strong need for maintaining traditional library and archival services, such as access to a variety of resources, space, and staff expertise, well into the future.



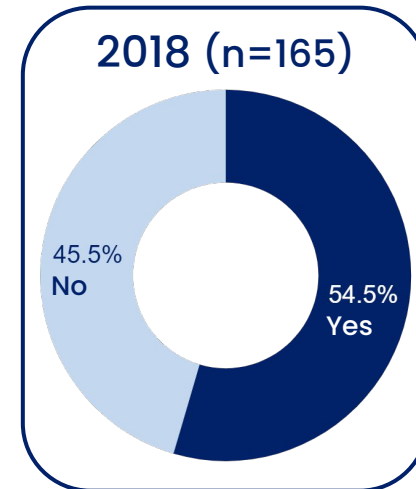
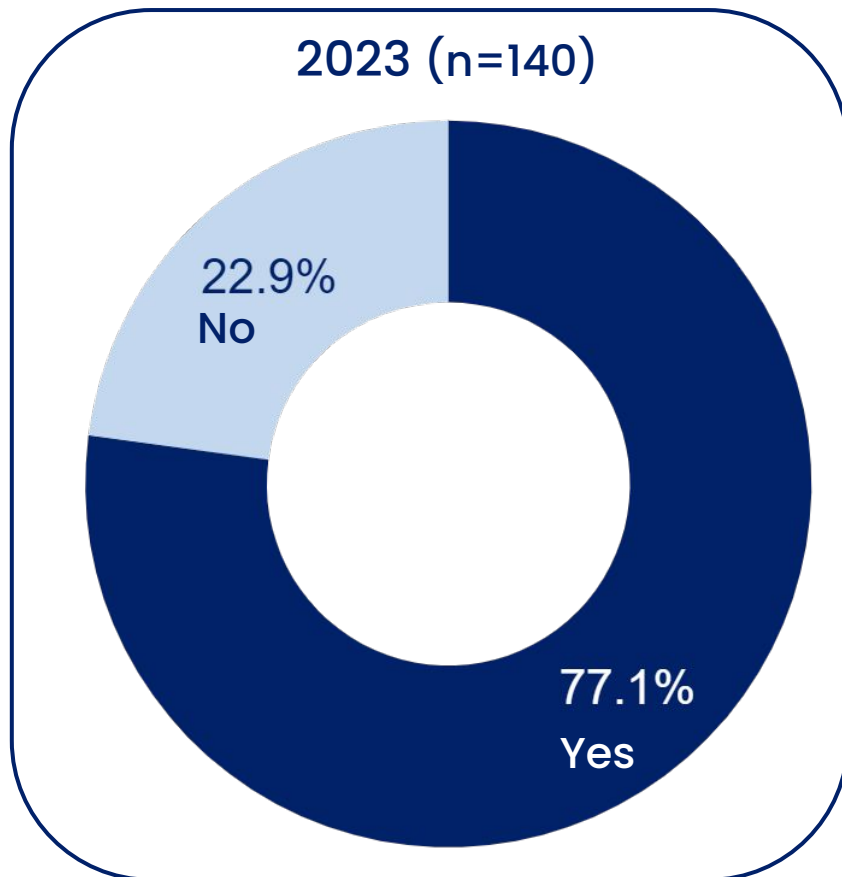
How do you use preprint servers or other document sharing tools?



ResearchGate continues to be the most popular preprint server.



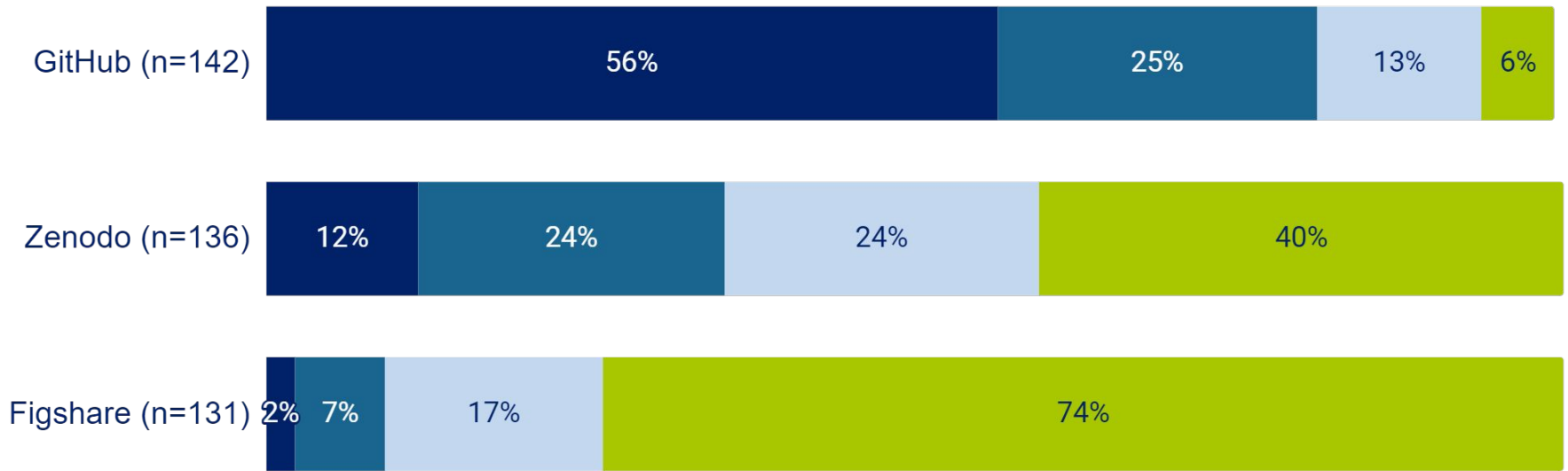
Do you have an ORCID researcher identifier?



The Library encourages all researchers to have an ORCID and will continue to promote their usage. A dramatic uptick since the 2018 survey is good news.

Do you use these tools?

■ I use it frequently ■ I have used this, but not recently or frequently ■ I have heard of it, but I have not used it
■ I have never heard of this / Unsure



GitHub, compared to the other tools, is the most popular among our researchers.



Thank you

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