ERIC Database User Survey

The WSU Libraries is trying to learn more about how you use the ERIC database. It would be very helpful to us if you would take a few minutes to answer the questions on the brief survey below. Your participation in this anonymous survey is purely voluntary, but greatly appreciated!

1. Are you familiar with the ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) database, an index to journal articles and research reports in the field of Education?
   _____ Yes
   _____ No

2. If yes, how frequently do you use the database?
   _____ Daily
   _____ Weekly
   _____ Once a month
   _____ Several times a year
   _____ Seldom
   _____ Other: ______________________________

3. For what purposes do you use the ERIC database? Please check all that apply.
   _____ To locate information I need for my work.
   _____ To locate information I need for courses I am taking (research papers, etc.).
   _____ For information related to my thesis or dissertation research.
   _____ To stay updated on new developments in my field.
   _____ Other: ______________________________

4. Were you aware that the ERIC database is available from several different sites on the Internet?
   _____ Yes
   _____ No

5. Which of these free open access Internet sites do you use to access the ERIC database? Please check all that apply.
   _____ AskERIC – available from the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information & Technology.
   _____ SearchERIC.org – available from the ERIC Clearinghouse on Assessment & Evaluation.

6. Please indicate in the space below which of these two versions you use most frequently?

7. Which of these versions of ERIC, available only from the Library’s homepage, do you use? Please check all that apply.
   _____ SilverPlatter version
   _____ FirstSearch version

8. Please indicate in the space just below which of these two versions you use most frequently?

9. Were you aware that the versions of ERIC available only through the Library’s homepage (SilverPlatter and FirstSearch) offer links to the Library’s catalog so that you can quickly check to see if the WSU Library owns journals you need?
   _____ Yes
   _____ No

10. Would the link to the Library catalog be an advantage to you?
    _____ Yes
    _____ No

11. Were you aware that the versions of ERIC available only through the Library’s homepage offer links to the full text of some journal articles?
    _____ Yes
    _____ No

12. Would links to full text articles be an advantage to you?
    _____ Yes
    _____ No

13. If you were able to print the full text of ERIC documents (the reports currently only available on microfiche) directly from a search on the ERIC database, would this be a feature that you would use?
    _____ Definitely
    _____ Maybe
    _____ Probably not

Thank you very much for completing this survey. We appreciate your input!

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