

# I Have These Statistics—Now What? Starting a Collection Analysis

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*Comments from PLA:*

"Books are to be used and used heavily, and if not, they should be out the door," proclaimed Kathryn King, adult materials selector, [Fort Worth Public Library, TX](#), at the opening of the packed Public Library Association (PLA) Conference session titled, "I Have These Statistics—Now What?: Getting Started on the Path of Collection Analysis." That got a cheer from the audience.

King then quickly dispensed with the kind of collection analysis you need (customer oriented, not core list oriented) and why you need it (to optimize funding, staffing, and shelving and truly meet patron demand) before moving on to the all-important how.

Skills introduced:

Know which statistics are beneficial for collection analysis

Know how to use the statistics to do some basic collection analysis

Be able to organize those statistics in a useful way

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