American Library Association
Committee on Research and Statistics
Semi-Annual 2015 Report
Submitted by Linda Hofschire (Chair)

CORS Roster:
Rebecca Vargha (IFLA, July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2015)
Linda Hofschire (Chair, February 26, 2014, to June 30, 2016)
Christine Korytnyk Dulaney (Member, July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2016)
Christian Yves Dupont (Member, July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2016)
Emilie L. Hardman (Member, July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2016)
Jessica Harris (Member, July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2015)
Jody K. Howard (Member, July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2015)
Sandra M. Hughes-Hassell (Member, July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2015)
Brian William Keith (Member, July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2016)
Stacy Lickteig (Member, July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015)
Thomas L. Reinsfelder (Member, July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2015)
Gail A. Schlachter (Member, July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2015)
Kristin Whitehair (Member, July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015)
Zhonghua Du (Intern, July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2015)
Timothy Ryan Ream (Intern, July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2016)

Accomplishments:
CORS Midwinter Committee Meeting: The committee met on Sunday, February 1, 2015 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in McCormick Place. Attendees included Linda Hofschire (Chair), Christine Dulaney, Matthew Birnbaum (IMLS), Kristin Whitehair, Gail Schlachter, Kathy Rosa (ORS), Norman Rose (ORS), Jennifer Pastenbaum (observer).

The committee discussed:
- 2015 and 2016 Annual Conference programs
- CORS webinar series
- ORS activities
- Agency updates—IMLS and NCES

Planned activities:
2015 Annual Conference Session: The CORS Annual Session sub-committee (Christine Dulaney, Timothy Ream, and Linda Hofschire) has organized the following session for ALA Annual:

Leverage Your Library’s Data for Decision Making, Strategic Planning, and Advocacy

Circulation, program attendance, user satisfaction...you already collect a lot of data about your library, but how do you make these data meaningful? Join us to learn from Carl Harvey (School Librarian, North Elementary School, Indiana), Janine Reed (Director, High Plains Public Library District, Colorado), and Rebecca Vargha (Head, Information and Library Science Library, University of North Carolina) about how they use data and evaluation in their libraries for decision making, strategic planning, and advocacy.
During this interactive session, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss these topics with the speakers.

This session will take place on Monday, June 29, 10:30-11:30 AM, Location TBD.

CORS Webinar Series: Rebecca Vargha, Kristin Whitehair, and Gayle Schlachter make up the sub-committee responsible for coordinating the webinar series. The current plan is to offer one webinar per year.

Relationship of the committee’s work to the ALA strategic plan:

The committee’s work most closely aligns with the following goals from ALA’s strategic plan:

Goal: ALA equips and leads advocates for libraries, library issues and the library profession, and plays a key role in formulating legislation, policies and standards that affect library and information services.

Goal: ALA provides leadership in the transformation of libraries and library services in a dynamic and increasingly global digital information environment.

CORS contributes to these goals by sharing committee members’ research activities and offering conference programs and webinars that highlight innovative research findings and practices.

Current level of committee members’ involvement:

We have 6 members who are serving on sub-committees (listed above) to plan the annual conference session and webinar series, as well as one member, Rebecca Vargha, who serves as the IFLA liaison, one member, Sandra Hughes-Hassell, who serves as the Education Assembly liaison, one member, Zhonghua Du, who serves as the Legislative Assembly liaison, and one member, Brian Keith, who serves as the NISO liaison. One member, Rebecca Vargha, will serve as a presenter at the 2015 CORS-sponsored session at ALA Annual.