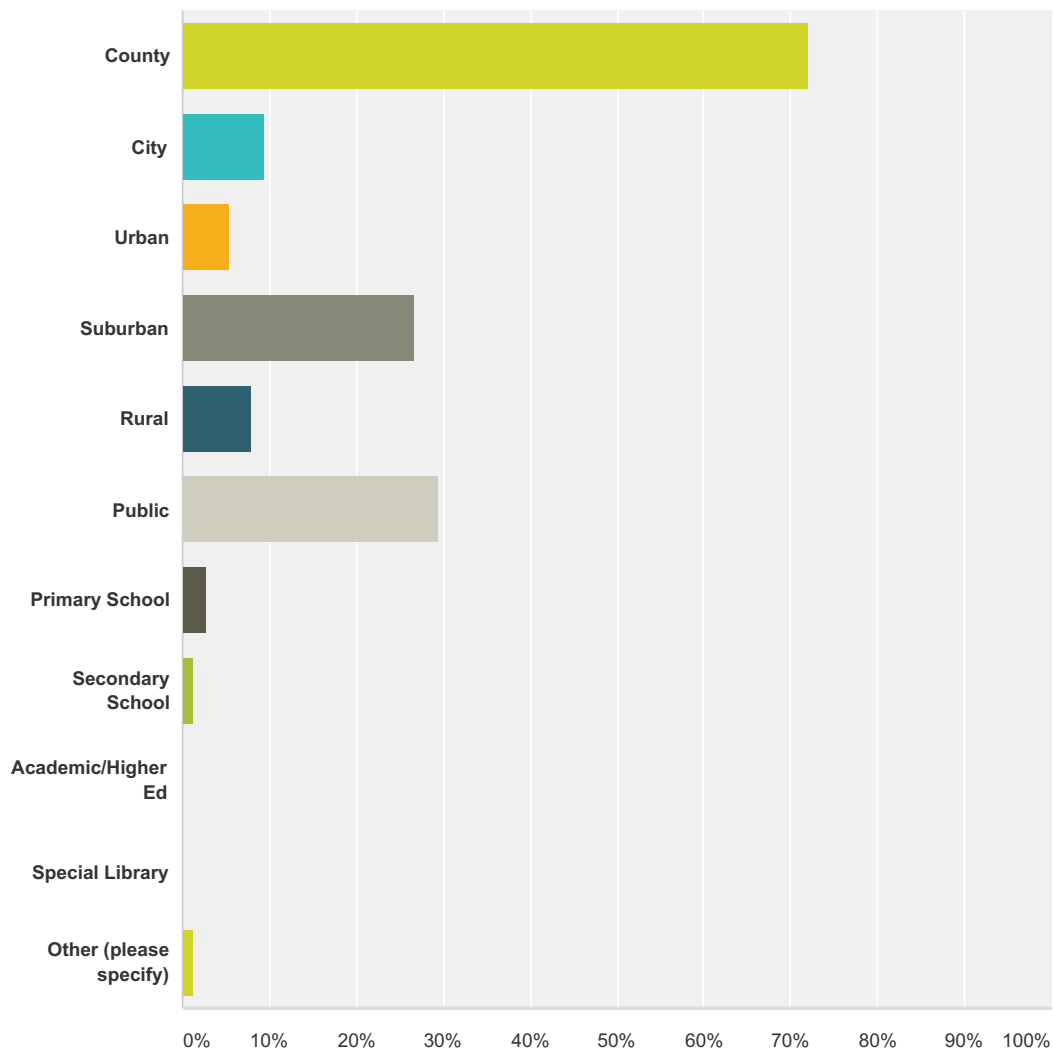


### Q1 What type of library are you employed by? (check all that apply)

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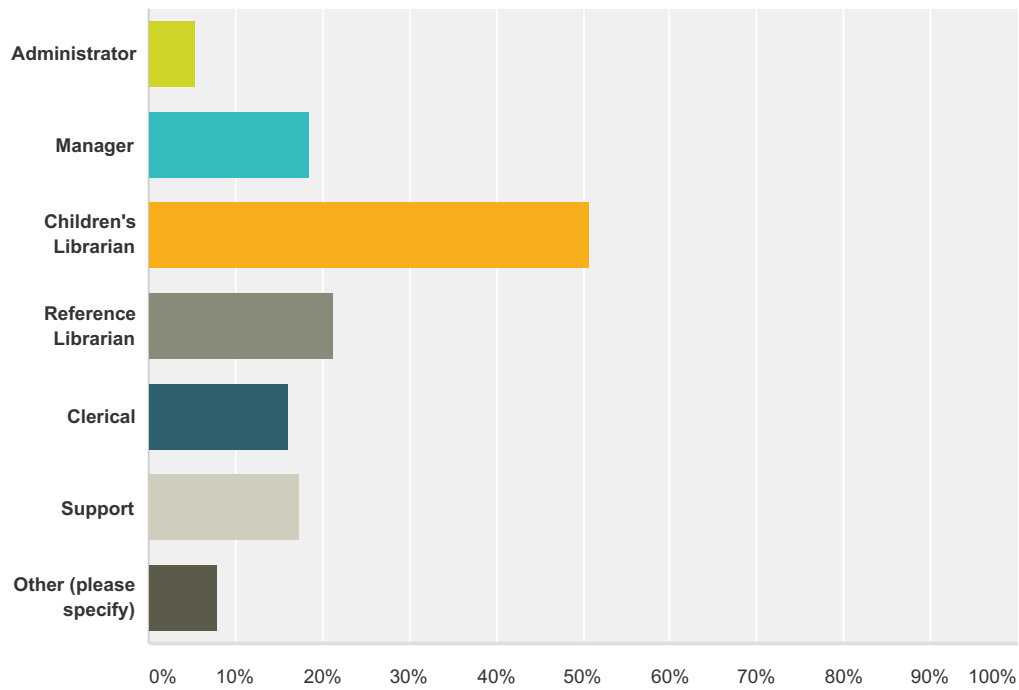
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
County	72.00%	54
City	9.33%	7
Urban	5.33%	4
Suburban	26.67%	20
Rural	8.00%	6
Public	29.33%	22
Primary School	2.67%	2
Secondary School	1.33%	1
Academic/Higher Ed	0.00%	0

Special Library	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	1.33%	1
<b>Total Respondents: 75</b>		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I am a former children's librarian and LSTA grant coordinator	4/13/2017 3:04 PM

## Q2 What best describes your position within the organization? (check all that apply)

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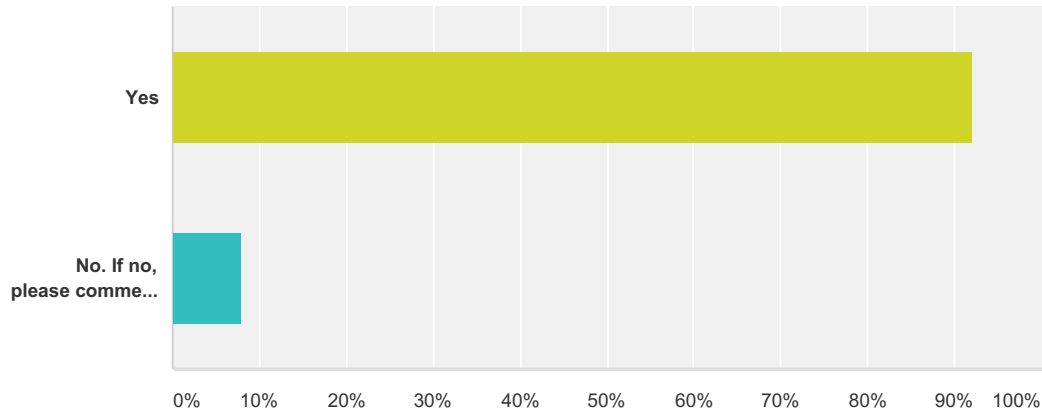


Answer Choices	Responses
Administrator	5.33% 4
Manager	18.67% 14
Children's Librarian	50.67% 38
Reference Librarian	21.33% 16
Clerical	16.00% 12
Support	17.33% 13
Other (please specify)	8.00% 6
<b>Total Respondents: 75</b>	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Teen Librarian	4/25/2017 5:10 AM
2	Cataloging/technical services	4/20/2017 7:29 AM
3	Program Coordinator	4/13/2017 1:45 AM
4	Assistant librarian (program, customer service, etc)	4/11/2017 12:45 AM
5	Youth Services Librarian	4/6/2017 6:24 AM
6	Librarian	4/6/2017 5:15 AM

### Q3 Do you feel the children and families that use your library are representative of the demographics of the community you serve?

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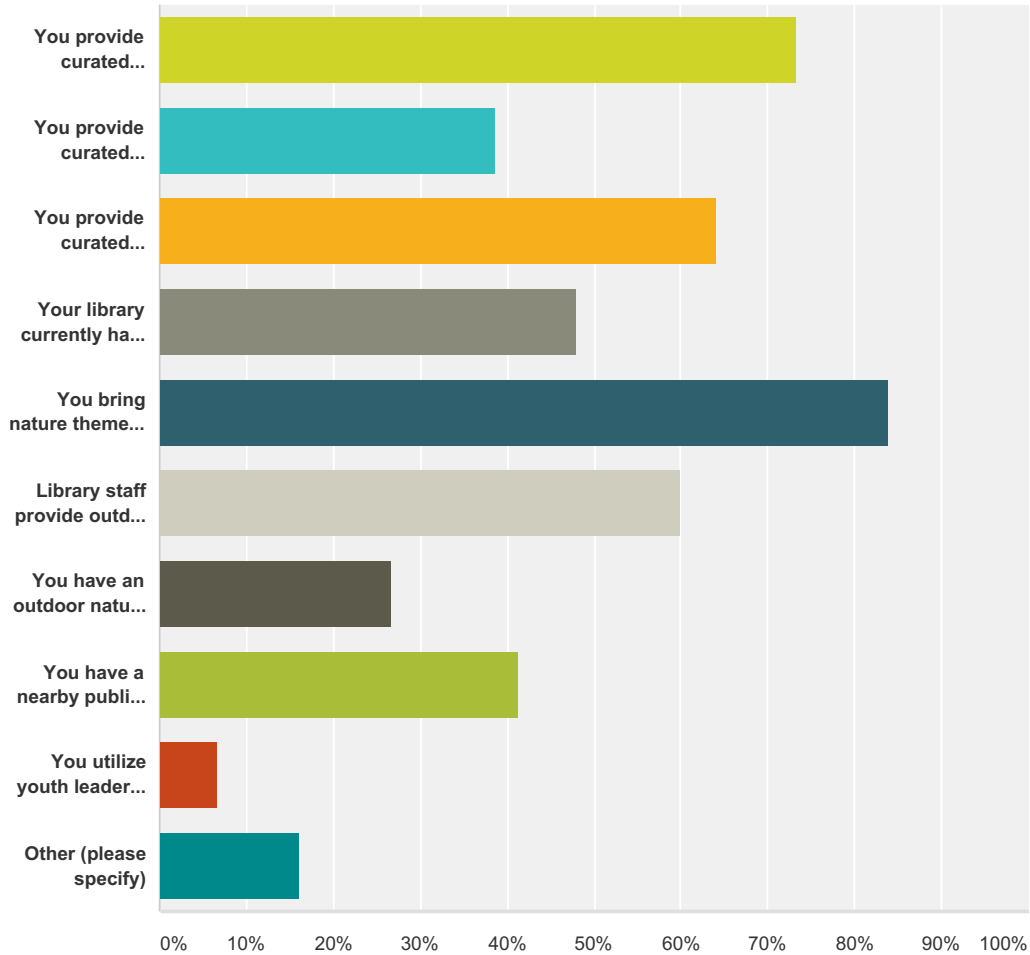


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	92.00% 69
No. If no, please comment in box below.	8.00% 6
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

#	If you answered no above, please identify what group(s) you feel could be better served and what might help to engage them.	Date
1	It is hard to say, but I feel that our minority groups and those of color may be under-represented.	4/25/2017 6:07 AM
2	I feel like we have good representation, but I also feel like there is always someone we miss. We do our best to reach out, but staff and time limitations are limiting.	4/25/2017 5:45 AM
3	Maybe the library's less white than the rest of this 'burb? But I don't know. It seems fairly accurate.	4/25/2017 5:10 AM
4	working parents, people without reliable transportatoin	4/20/2017 7:41 AM
5	Community more racially diverse than population that uses library on a regular basis.	4/18/2017 5:06 AM
6	I think we need to do a better job reaching out to the more diverse populations of our communities.	4/14/2017 4:26 AM
7	Yes and no. I worked at Brookdale library. Children's programs that were pre scheduled were attended almost exclusively by white middle class families. Passive programming and homework help daily programming were almost exclusively attended by first generation immigrant families. Black (African American) families rarely attended library programs.	4/13/2017 3:04 PM
8	Mostly yes but of course we could do even better. There are many families with low socioeconomic status and ones that are recent(ish) immigrants who don't understand the culture of the library (what we offer, why they should come) and if they do come often rack up late fees very quickly and stop coming.	4/8/2017 1:26 AM
9	We do see groups from all ages and ethic groups within our community, but not in proportion to what we know they are. We need to connect better with African American, Latinx, and recent immigrants within our community.	4/6/2017 6:24 AM

### Q4 Which of the following efforts to connect communities to nature are happening at your library? (check all that apply):

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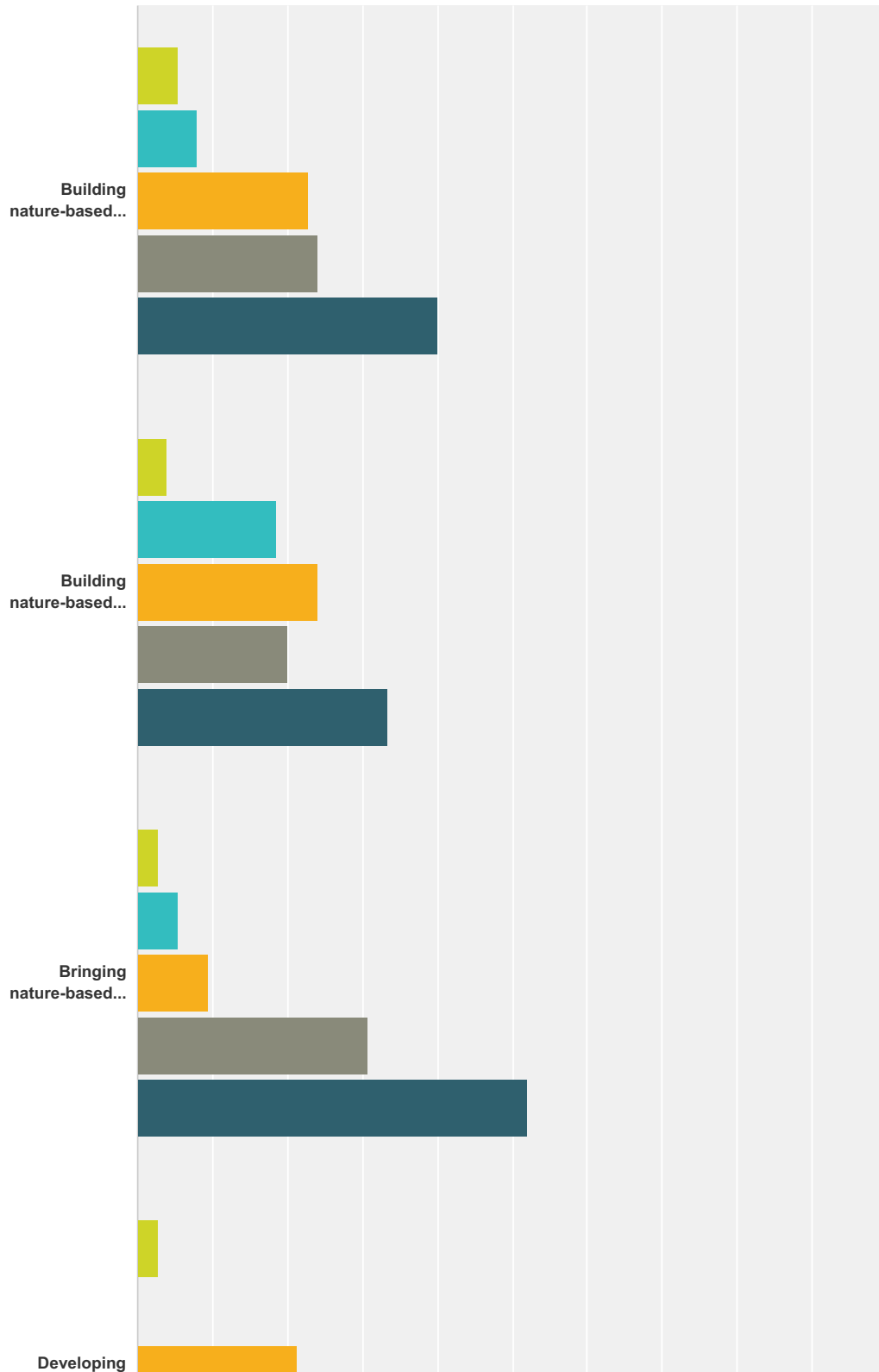
Answer Choices	Responses
You provide curated nature-based collections of books for children. (nature-themed book lists, special displays, etc.)	73.33% 55
You provide curated nature-based collections for adults/families. (Last Child in the Wood, Barefoot and Balanced, etc.)	38.67% 29
You provide curated nature-based activities for children. (exploration activity packs, scavenger hunts, etc.)	64.00% 48
Your library currently has an on-going partnership that helps connect children to nature outside the library. ( Park and Recreation Department, YMCA, etc.)	48.00% 36
You bring nature themed programming into the library from external groups. (Master Gardener, DNR, etc.)	84.00% 63
Library staff provide outdoor programs (in nearby outdoor space) such as a story walk.	60.00% 45

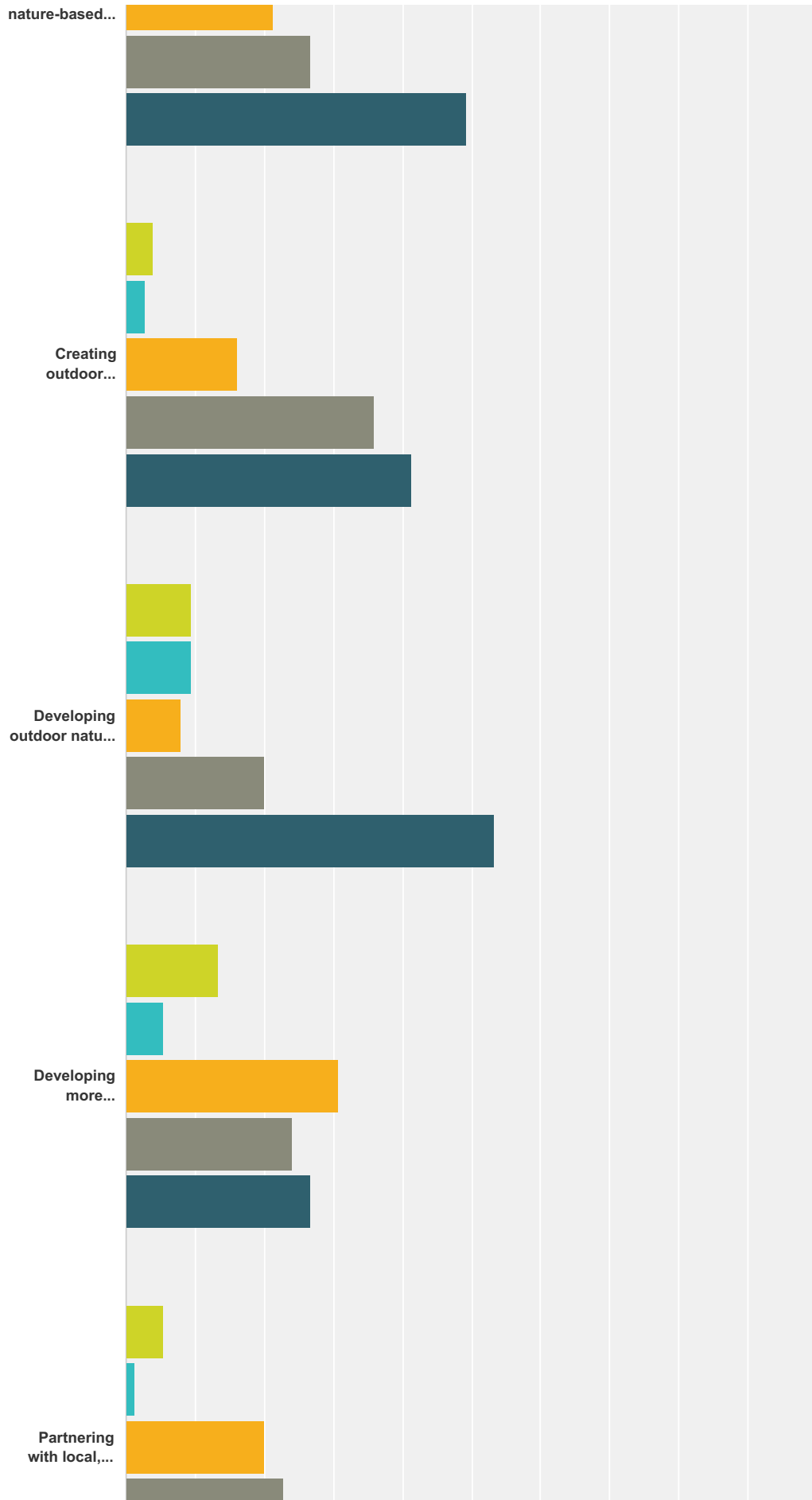
You have an outdoor nature space that belongs to the library. (pollinator garden, reading garden, bee hive, garden, nature play space, etc.)	<b>26.67%</b> 20
You have a nearby public park that can be used for outdoor nature experiences.	<b>41.33%</b> 31
You utilize youth leaders to support nature-based programming. (youth advisory group, youth-led story times, etc.)	<b>6.67%</b> 5
Other (please specify)	<b>16.00%</b> 12
<b>Total Respondents: 75</b>	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	We are small without limited hours and no outdoor space. Nature stories are a big part of my Storytime programming. My two big programs each summer usually involve nature, for example The RAD zoo, or another animal program.	5/6/2017 7:12 AM
2	sucessfully hosted Three Rivers Park activities near our library on the Minnehaha Parkway	4/27/2017 9:08 AM
3	I remind story time families "there is alot of learning going outdoors that your child needs to experience" as a reason for concluding story time when I do (early spring).	4/26/2017 8:20 AM
4	Incorporate wonder at the natural world into storytimes and school readiness programs, per MN learning standards.	4/25/2017 6:15 AM
5	try and work with our environmental learning center for programs and promotion	4/20/2017 7:41 AM
6	We have an outdoor literacy center that is used very frequently.	4/20/2017 6:26 AM
7	We are in the process of developing a new collection of nature backpacks for kids to encourage them to explore nature.	4/14/2017 4:26 AM
8	Always wanted to partner with a school and offer a gardening program during the summer. Most administrators/managers do not see the learning connections that could be made and are not supportive.	4/13/2017 3:04 PM
9	Our school does many of these by grade level.	4/13/2017 9:29 AM
10	STEAM activities weekly, including outside in our reading garden	4/13/2017 1:50 AM
11	Library staff provide nature exploration classes in the library	4/11/2017 12:45 AM
12	Earth "day" is earth "month" at our school library - a special focus all month	4/6/2017 5:15 AM

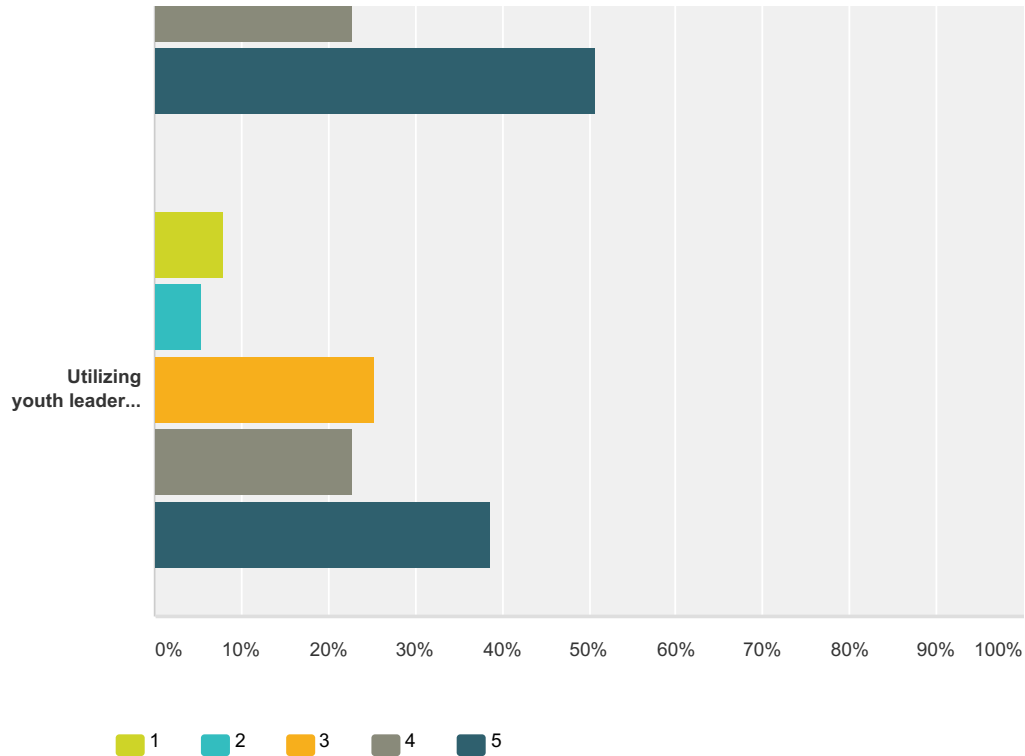
**Q5 If resources were available, what are you most interested in learning more about? (1 being not interested and 5 being very interested)**

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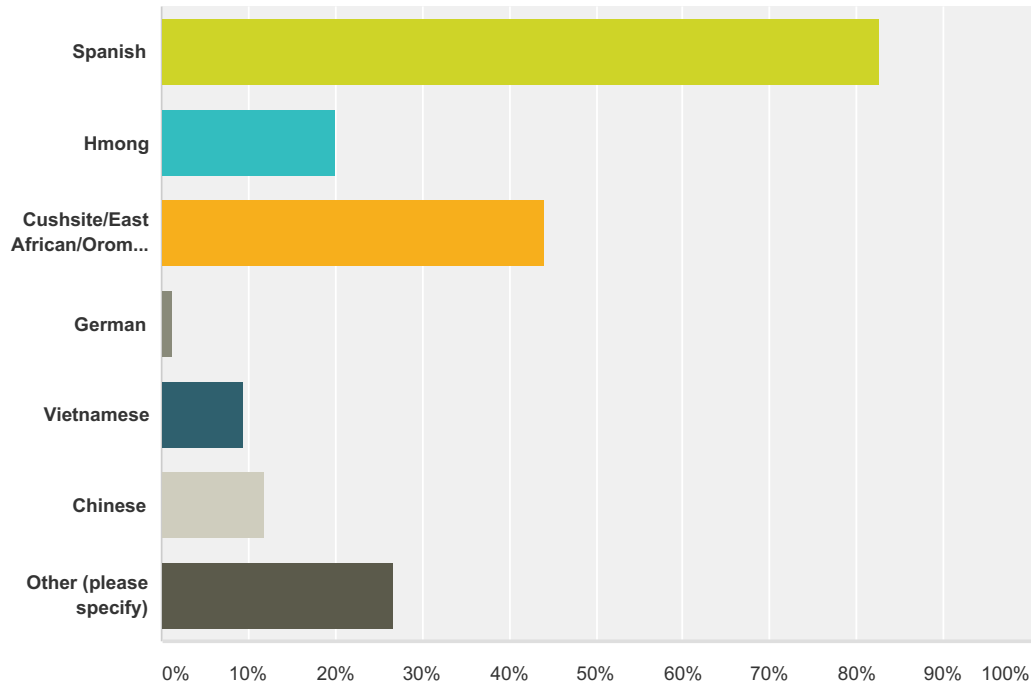


	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Building nature-based collections for children such as exploration activity packs, activity cards, story walk posters, nature book lists for children, etc.	5.33% 4	8.00% 6	22.67% 17	24.00% 18	40.00% 30	75
Building nature-based collections for adults/families	4.00% 3	18.67% 14	24.00% 18	20.00% 15	33.33% 25	75
Bringing nature-based programming into the library from external partners	2.67% 2	5.33% 4	9.33% 7	30.67% 23	52.00% 39	75
Developing nature-based programming within your library	2.67% 2	0.00% 0	21.33% 16	26.67% 20	49.33% 37	75
Creating outdoor programming in nearby outdoor spaces	4.00% 3	2.67% 2	16.00% 12	36.00% 27	41.33% 31	75
Developing outdoor nature spaces on library property, such as vegetable or pollinator gardens, nature-play spaces, reading gardens, etc.	9.33% 7	9.33% 7	8.00% 6	20.00% 15	53.33% 40	75
Developing more nature-rich environments in nearby parks and green spaces, such as adding more tree canopy, pollinator gardens, etc.	13.33% 10	5.33% 4	30.67% 23	24.00% 18	26.67% 20	75
Partnering with local, regional, state or national parks to provide additional nature opportunities for patrons	5.33% 4	1.33% 1	20.00% 15	22.67% 17	50.67% 38	75
Utilizing youth leaders to support nature-based programming	8.00% 6	5.33% 4	25.33% 19	22.67% 17	38.67% 29	75

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Create kits with materials that can be rotated among libraries in system (32)	4/11/2017 12:45 AM

**Q6 If resources were available in other languages besides English, which ones would be most helpful in your community. Check all that apply.**

Answered: 75 Skipped: 0



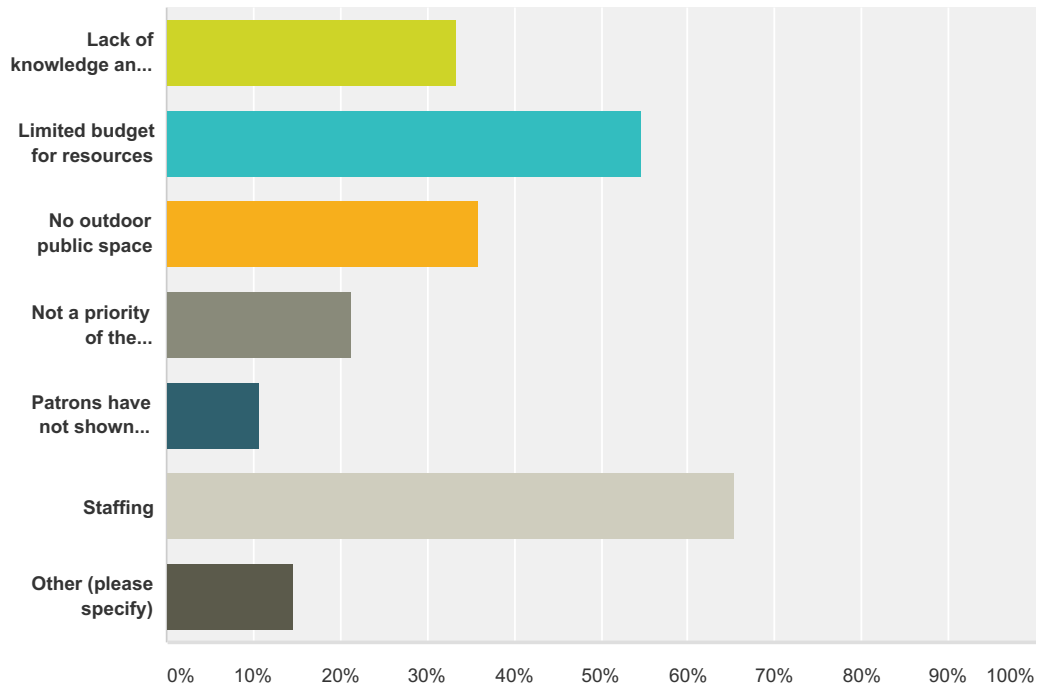
Answer Choices	Responses
Spanish	82.67% 62
Hmong	20.00% 15
Cushsite/East African/Oromo/Somali/Sidamo	44.00% 33
German	1.33% 1
Vietnamese	9.33% 7
Chinese	12.00% 9
Other (please specify)	26.67% 20
<b>Total Respondents: 75</b>	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	russian	4/30/2017 7:09 AM
2	somali	4/27/2017 9:08 AM
3	somali	4/27/2017 5:10 AM
4	Indian Languages Hindi and Malayalam	4/26/2017 5:06 AM
5	Somali	4/26/2017 1:54 AM
6	american sign language	4/25/2017 7:39 AM

7	Russian	4/25/2017 6:15 AM
8	French	4/25/2017 5:50 AM
9	none	4/20/2017 7:29 AM
10	Laotian, Thai, Karen	4/19/2017 6:36 PM
11	Karen, Somali	4/18/2017 5:06 AM
12	Arabic	4/18/2017 3:47 AM
13	Somali	4/14/2017 4:26 AM
14	Somali	4/13/2017 10:11 AM
15	Somali	4/13/2017 9:29 AM
16	Hindi,	4/13/2017 5:04 AM
17	Karen	4/13/2017 1:50 AM
18	None	4/11/2017 12:45 AM
19	Ojibwe	4/7/2017 6:45 AM
20	not sure why this is a required question. We do not have ANY ESL students in our district. Honestly!	4/6/2017 5:15 AM

### Q7 What are the barriers to implementing nature-based activities at your library? (check all that apply)

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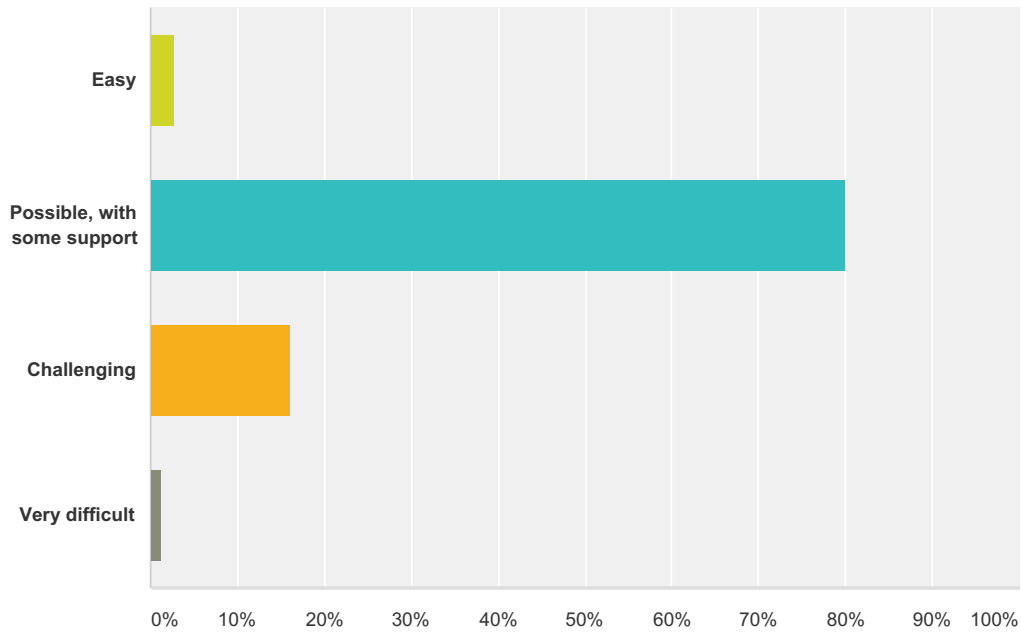
Answer Choices	Responses
Lack of knowledge and "how to" skills for implementation	33.33% 25
Limited budget for resources	54.67% 41
No outdoor public space	36.00% 27
Not a priority of the organization	21.33% 16
Patrons have not shown interest	10.67% 8
Staffing	65.33% 49
Other (please specify)	14.67% 11
<b>Total Respondents: 75</b>	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	physical space in the library and time issues for staff	5/6/2017 7:12 AM
2	not sure	4/27/2017 5:10 AM
3	Library staffing and staffing at other organizations hampers what we can offer.	4/26/2017 8:20 AM
4	Risk averse -- as far as pollinator gardens, seed library etc	4/26/2017 8:17 AM
5	safety	4/25/2017 8:06 AM
6	Space inside the library for patrons to use and for staff to implement displays.	4/25/2017 6:34 AM
7	limited outdoor public space that we don't control	4/25/2017 5:45 AM

8	Building and grounds decisions are a quagmire of bureaucracy	4/25/2017 4:15 AM
9	timing - events must be planned 4-5 months in advance & it's hard to get area presenters to agree that far out	4/20/2017 7:41 AM
10	cost	4/13/2017 1:50 AM
11	The staff member that presents nature programming is moving so someone else will need to learn how to present	4/11/2017 12:45 AM

### Q8 If your library wanted to better connect your community to nature-based learning, how easy or difficult would it be?

Answered: 75 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Easy	2.67% 2
Possible, with some support	80.00% 60
Challenging	16.00% 12
Very difficult	1.33% 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

#	Comments (please specify)	Date
1	This is my first interest in the limited amount of programming I do, and also in my Storytimes. I may be doing what I can already (realistically).	5/6/2017 7:12 AM
2	We're right on the Parkway	4/26/2017 3:36 AM
3	Possible, with more staff	4/7/2017 6:45 AM

## Q9 If there were no barriers to increasing nature connections for your library, what three things would you like to implement first?

Answered: 75 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	Kits that check out (with field glasses) Maybe a nature club Display materials provided (like other library posters we receive, ex, "learn about frogs at your library"	5/6/2017 7:12 AM
2	1. story walk 2. a better outdoor play space with emphasis on the nature around us 3. more outside programming	5/5/2017 4:30 AM
3	programs in nearby parks, outdoor garden on property, outdoor performing space for children's programs	5/3/2017 8:45 AM
4	Ideas, staffing, interest	5/3/2017 8:31 AM
5	1.A flowering green space for library patrons. 2.A Butterfly hatchery. 3.An ongoing partnership with naturalist/ botanist organization/ person to host family activities that generate interest and participation in our natural world.	5/3/2017 4:00 AM
6	Outdoor activities in nearby parks	5/2/2017 6:56 AM
7	vegetable or pollinator gardens, nature-play spaces and reading gardens.	5/2/2017 6:06 AM
8	outdoor scavenger hunts outdoor walks outdoor exploration	5/1/2017 6:44 AM
9	staff, ideas, support from city	4/30/2017 7:09 AM
10	Partnering with local/state/federal groups	4/30/2017 6:40 AM
11	story walk, exploring the creek area, identifying plants and trees	4/27/2017 9:08 AM
12	Spanish materials and using nearby public spaces for events, etc.	4/27/2017 6:54 AM
13	More outdoor nature programming	4/27/2017 5:10 AM
14	Multi-generational gardening Outdoor book clubs Nature hunts	4/27/2017 5:00 AM
15	Get rid of the grass and artificial landscaping around our building for a "natural" environment. Get people to understand the value of recycling and what the lack of it does to our planet. Partner with local gardening club to enhance the natural landscape around our building.	4/26/2017 8:20 AM
16	Pollinator & rain gardens, seed libraries, passive - interactive displays	4/26/2017 8:17 AM
17	Does not apply.	4/26/2017 5:06 AM
18	More nature walks with kids. We did a photography walk and geocaching with kids last summer and that was GREAT. It was offered by Three Rivers Park District	4/26/2017 3:36 AM
19	Outdoor play space connected to library Connections with local parks Live animals	4/26/2017 1:54 AM
20	1) container gardening 2) beginners solar energy projects (if such would connect patrons with nature) 3) litter reduction - to improve creeks, rivers, lakes and aquifers in the area	4/25/2017 12:48 PM
21	nature-based collections, nature-based programs, extension of outdoor nature space	4/25/2017 10:29 AM
22	I would like to incorporate things on our immediate space. Bird feeders and baths would be good based on our location. Perhaps a small garden too. I would also do more activities in the park nextdoor. HOnestly parking and accessibility are big problems	4/25/2017 8:52 AM
23	storytime and other programs outside, nature book walks,	4/25/2017 8:06 AM
24	fun and educational childrens programming	4/25/2017 7:39 AM
25	Ant farm	4/25/2017 7:06 AM
26	1. Partnering with local, regional, state or national parks to provide additional nature opportunities for patrons 2. Creating outdoor programming in nearby outdoor spaces 3. Bringing nature-based programming into the library from external partners	4/25/2017 7:03 AM

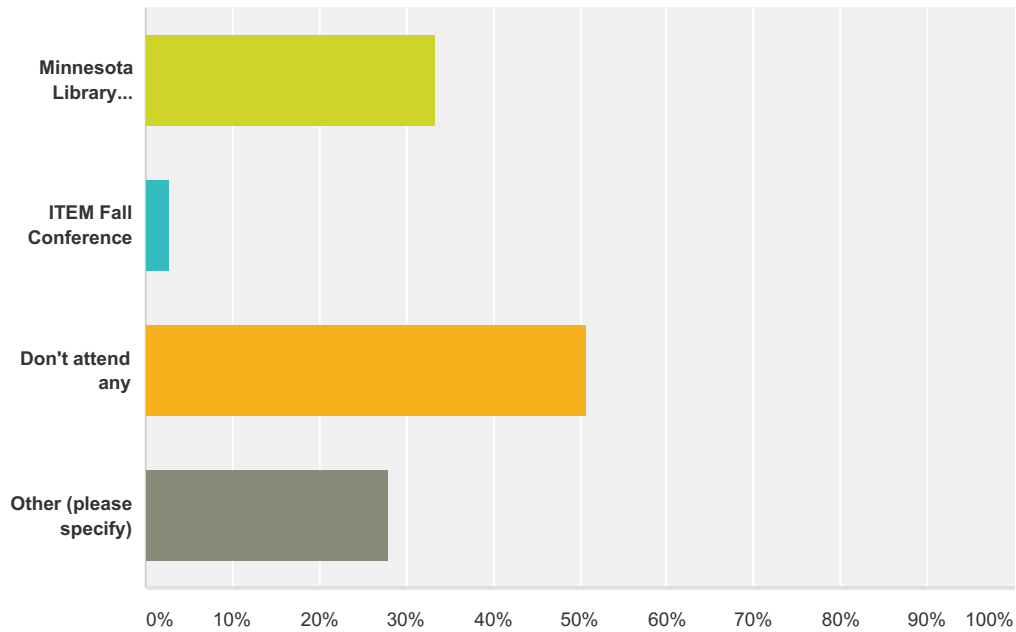
27	Developing nature based programming, developing nature based spaces indoors, and nature based displays.	4/25/2017 6:59 AM
28	Pollinator garden Bird houses/feeders Shelter for outdoor activities on property	4/25/2017 6:34 AM
29	nature packs for kids hitting on what's going on right now in the environment (Spring focus with lead in to Summer focus); nature scavenger hunt in local community with ending at Library to get prize and to check out more books on the subject of interest; outside nature folks coming in to do a "pet the animal" or learn about this animal type program or a mix of animal and habitat programming	4/25/2017 6:22 AM
30	1. Partnering with other organizations to bring in nature programming, 2. Developing librarian-led nature programming, 3. Creating an outdoor nature exploration space on library property	4/25/2017 6:15 AM
31	1) Library programs in collaboration with external community groups and organizations. 2) Plan nature based programs outside of the library. 3)Providing more nature based pop-up/passive programming in the library.	4/25/2017 6:07 AM
32	for nature programs with live animals	4/25/2017 6:06 AM
33	make better use of outdoor reading space we currently have create a children's garden, even if it's a container garden create a seed library	4/25/2017 5:59 AM
34	More nature-themed programming	4/25/2017 5:56 AM
35	A pollinator garden in the park by the library. Outdoor programs for children every summer in that garden. A night sky program for adults.	4/25/2017 5:50 AM
36	Create an outdoor nature space. Programs taught by DNR. Geocaching.	4/25/2017 5:48 AM
37	pollinating gardens, nature based programs brought in, support to make check outable nature adventure packs	4/25/2017 5:45 AM
38	Turn the space outside the library into a community garden, invite farmer's market to use our lot, bring the parks in to train our Teen Tech Squads about STEAM activities they could facilitate in the library.	4/25/2017 5:10 AM
39	Don't know	4/25/2017 4:25 AM
40	.	4/25/2017 4:15 AM
41	crafts male friendly programs live animal/plant programs	4/20/2017 7:41 AM
42	more nature-based programming, more partnerships (would love for patrons to be able to "check out" state/national park passes!, would share information about events at state parks in the area on library social media if I had ready-to-post information), more nature-based kits	4/20/2017 7:29 AM
43	We would like to have an outdoor garden with root-view containers as well as more traditional containers.	4/20/2017 6:26 AM
44	Programming Nature Spaces - Community garden Resources	4/20/2017 5:58 AM
45	Update our library's outdoor space. Offer state park passes for circulation. Offer outdoor programming for kids	4/19/2017 6:36 PM
46	Outdoor space, external program presenters	4/18/2017 5:13 AM
47	Creating outdoor/literacy/nature spaces at library ; partnering with local nature centers for programming ; developing staff-led programs that increase nature connections with families	4/18/2017 5:06 AM
48	An on-site, usable nature space.	4/18/2017 3:47 AM
49	Building nature-based collection (esp. activity kits) Developing nature-based programming within our library Develop a partnership with local, etc. parks - Dakota Co. Parks & Rec brings programs to our library 1-2 times/year, but it would be nice to have a more active connection/partnership	4/17/2017 5:50 AM
50	NA	4/14/2017 5:24 AM
51	More storywalks, outdoor storytimes, nature kits for checkout (being piloted at one branch soon, would love to expand to all branches)	4/14/2017 5:13 AM
52	Collections, programming, parnterships	4/14/2017 4:26 AM
53	Building nature-based collections for adults. Developing more nature-rich environments in nearby parks and green spaces, such as adding more tree canopy, pollinator gardens, etc for adults.Developing outdoor nature spaces on library property, such as vegetable or pollinator gardens, nature-play spaces, reading gardens,etc for adults.	4/14/2017 2:49 AM
54	Nature backpacks/exploration kits for all branches; Connection with community garden/outdoor space; More outside-the-library programming in parks, etc.	4/14/2017 12:41 AM
55	Outdoor garden, learning related to carbon footprints and how to give mitigate it, exploring bugs for preschoolers.	4/13/2017 3:04 PM



56	More outdoor programs on library grounds for nature-based programs, more space for those kinds of programs, more of these programs in the summer when weather is warmer. I think our county does a pretty good job with offering nature-based programming.	4/13/2017 10:11 AM
57	A reading garden, bringing in some external group for a program, a nature service project (like having kids help build said reading garden)	4/13/2017 9:29 AM
58	youth built pollinator garden adjacent to library, programs in the parks, bring bugs and animals into library	4/13/2017 5:44 AM
59	Better collection, more programs and an outdoor space here at the library.	4/13/2017 5:04 AM
60	Create usable library space outside for program presentations Stronger connections with outside partners - like MN Zoo	4/13/2017 4:49 AM
61	outdoor space, outside partner programs, kits	4/13/2017 4:40 AM
62	1. Safe, usable outdoor space 2. Collaboration with other organizations for programming 3. Interactive outdoor space (garden or play area)	4/13/2017 3:25 AM
63	Outdoor nature space, Nature based programming, and Collections.	4/13/2017 1:55 AM
64	Management support, costs to implement programming and improve our outside space, community connections to USING our space *regularly*.	4/13/2017 1:50 AM
65	Nature Play Spaces, Youth led nature programs, building nature based collections for adults and families	4/13/2017 1:45 AM
66	Community garden, Children's garden, Nature walks	4/13/2017 1:40 AM
67	Having regular (weekly would be ideal, but at least monthly) activities for children and families that help them enjoy and understand nature. Build a collection of materials and supplies to help teach about nature. Work with community to support a nature area that can be enjoyed by all ages	4/11/2017 12:45 AM
68	"Stuff" for our garden/outdoor space Programming for the garden/outdoor space Nature activities to connect families at home	4/8/2017 1:26 AM
69	1. More library events for kids/teens that take place outdoors 2. More nature backpacks available for check out (we currently only circulate 3) 3. More gardening programs for kids and teens (we currently have a seed library, but we do mostly gardening programs for adults as part of this program)	4/7/2017 6:45 AM
70	Adding a garden and nature play space, exploration activity packs, scavenger hunts	4/7/2017 2:24 AM
71	Augment nature-based collection for kids and families. Have an outdoor scavenger hunt.	4/7/2017 1:30 AM
72	Have more experts come and share their knowledge with patrons! Do more active events, such as planting trees for Earth Day, instead of just reading about them at storytime! Buy great new inspiring materials, both books and movies, to support all of this!	4/6/2017 8:32 AM
73	1. Outdoor space at the library that could be used for programming. 2. Ongoing partnership with an organization that could offer programming on a regular basis (like monthly visits from a nature center educator, for instance). 3. Work with local educators and homeschool groups like Wild + Free to build a collection of books, tools (microscopes, binoculars, etc.), and local exploration guides to support science and nature learning in home study (formal or just for fun).	4/6/2017 6:24 AM
74	Nature walks, Pollinator/Reading garden	4/6/2017 5:15 AM
75	Outdoor literacy focused public art	4/6/2017 5:06 AM

### Q10 What state conferences or professional development events do you typically attend ? Check all that apply.

Answered: 75 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Minnesota Library Association Fall Conference	33.33% 25
ITEM Fall Conference	2.67% 2
Don't attend any	50.67% 38
Other (please specify)	28.00% 21
<b>Total Respondents: 75</b>	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Some MLA	5/6/2017 7:12 AM
2	LibTech Conference	5/5/2017 4:30 AM
3	Public Library Division Day, Tech Conference	4/26/2017 1:54 AM
4	have attended EdCamp Twin Cities at Burnsville (during April or May)	4/25/2017 12:48 PM
5	STEM Conference	4/25/2017 6:59 AM
6	LibTech, Various youth worker organizations	4/25/2017 5:10 AM
7	not regularly but ARSL	4/20/2017 7:41 AM
8	local professional development, or online webinars	4/20/2017 7:29 AM
9	MLA once, ARSL once	4/20/2017 5:58 AM
10	Camp Read-A-Lot (more regionally organized, but it does take place in many parts of the state)	4/19/2017 6:36 PM
11	MLA/CYPS Unconference	4/18/2017 5:06 AM

12	Lots of MELISA trainings for youth librarians	4/18/2017 3:47 AM
13	PLD Day	4/14/2017 5:13 AM
14	CYP Uncon, PLD Day, Lib Tech Conference, others offered through ALA, PLA, ALSC, and YALSA	4/14/2017 4:26 AM
15	Webinars and webpages with videos and downloadables are most convenient	4/13/2017 3:04 PM
16	ITEM every other year	4/13/2017 9:29 AM
17	it varies, based on schedules, staffing and cost	4/13/2017 1:50 AM
18	ARSL conference	4/13/2017 1:45 AM
19	Used to attend DNR sponsored nature programs like Project Wild and Project Learning Tree. Also county water conference.	4/11/2017 12:45 AM
20	Our staff are normally only able to attend professional development events that are in the Northern area of Minnesota (Arrowhead Region), so we generally go to the events through the Arrowhead Library System in Mt. Iron or any other trainings that become available in the region	4/7/2017 6:45 AM
21	CYP Unconference, State Library's Youth Librarian Meetup	4/7/2017 2:24 AM

**Q11 The Minnesota Children & Nature Connection would like to know more about what nature-based activities are happening in libraries throughout our state. Please share details of any nature-focused activity you provide or one that has been popular at your library. If the activity involves an external partner, please identify that organization also.**

Answered: 75 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	RAD Zoo, Zoo programs, raptor programs,---I don't have time to look these all up, please check with HCL programming for a list of partners	5/6/2017 7:12 AM
2	We have partnered with the MN Wildlife Refuge and they have done excellent programming centered around nature and the outdoors. Bird watching, monarch madness, animal adaptations, wildlife detectives. I would also like to host an outdoor storytime or story walk in the future. We've partnered with local school to celebrate arbor day by having the student come over and plant trees.	5/5/2017 4:30 AM
3	Master Gardener, Three Rivers Parks programs at nearby parks sponsored by the library	5/3/2017 8:45 AM
4	Programs in the summer with crafts and stories....some at a park nearby	5/3/2017 8:31 AM
5	We have had animal realia ( skins, antlers, etc...) on display, We have raised and hatched Cecropia catapillars/moths in the library.	5/3/2017 4:00 AM
6	Storywalk, Rad Zoo Program and a special project with caterpillars	5/2/2017 6:56 AM
7	nature-themed book lists and special displays.	5/2/2017 6:06 AM
8	none at this time	5/1/2017 6:44 AM
9	biking,walking, sports	4/30/2017 7:09 AM
10	Show and Tell of animals at the library, read to a pet	4/30/2017 6:40 AM
11	We put up a lot of book displays and host summer programming through legacy funded programs led by Three Rivers Park District.	4/27/2017 9:08 AM
12	story walks, monarch butterfly festival, participation in neighborhood celebrations/festivals	4/27/2017 6:54 AM
13	Solar eclipse viewing party	4/27/2017 5:10 AM
14	Just storywalks	4/27/2017 5:00 AM
15	We partner with Three Rivers Park district to present wilderness survival programs and Como Zoo for live animal programs. Also Bruce the Bug Guy is a great resource, as well as many of our local nature centers in the Twin Cities.	4/26/2017 8:20 AM
16	Urban 4-H, bird feeding, microscopes and items from nature, nature programming with outside organizations, sustainable landscaping (but they are not maintained), storywalks	4/26/2017 8:17 AM
17	We have a science lab for early literacy learning.	4/26/2017 5:06 AM
18	We did a lot of programs with Three Rivers Park District. We also do scavenger hunts with nature themes.	4/26/2017 3:36 AM
19	Science table in Children's area often has nature related objects.	4/26/2017 1:54 AM
20	presentations at the library in collaboration with Three Rivers Park District (based at Plymouth, Minnesota)	4/25/2017 12:48 PM
21	n/a	4/25/2017 10:29 AM
22	Master gardener, geo-caching and slack lining. Planning an eclipse viewing program this summer	4/25/2017 8:52 AM
23	na	4/25/2017 8:06 AM

24	adult program about wolves childrens programs about weather and birds	4/25/2017 7:39 AM
25	none	4/25/2017 7:06 AM
26	Maple Syrup making at Elm Creek Park Reserve every year.	4/25/2017 7:03 AM
27	Three Rivers Park District has done a number of programs at our library (snow shoeing, shelter building, primitive survival skills, archery, camping, scat/natural identification walks). We have done nature scavenger hunts, story walks, and outdoor preschool programming.	4/25/2017 6:59 AM
28	Master Gardener University of MN	4/25/2017 6:34 AM
29	With our story times in the summer, our children's librarian introduces the kids to a llama, a donkey and other animals when holding story time in the park.	4/25/2017 6:22 AM
30	PreK programming in partnership with Three Rivers Parks District (Eastman Nature Center/Silverwood Park), Como Zoo, MN Zoo, MN Raptor Center, Children's Museum	4/25/2017 6:15 AM
31	Our library has put on animal shows presented by the Minnesota Zoo and other groups which bring in animals and talk about them.	4/25/2017 6:07 AM
32	For the past 3 years, we have had a program called Llama Story Time featuring live llamas.	4/25/2017 6:06 AM
33	Master Gardener Llama Storytime Read to an Animal Geocaching Story Strolls	4/25/2017 5:59 AM
34	Right now, we mostly just have books and other materials available for check-out at our library.	4/25/2017 5:56 AM
35	Story Walk Program on plastic waste in the ocean. Displays on keeping salt out of the lakes.	4/25/2017 5:50 AM
36	Storytime by ancient Burr Oak tree. Slackline. YMCA.	4/25/2017 5:48 AM
37	yearly raising/release butterflies, several programs making use of outdoor space (bubbles, kite flying, four square), several Como Zoo, Three Rivers Parks programs	4/25/2017 5:45 AM
38	Three River Parks is a major partner. Also Future Necessities (an organization that leads traditional and nature-based technology trainings) is a more recent one- they just led their first training for our Tech Squads and we are looking forward to partnering with them again next year, hopefully at a local park.	4/25/2017 5:10 AM
39	None	4/25/2017 4:25 AM
40	.	4/25/2017 4:15 AM
41	leaf prints, live animal programs, had Agassiz Environmental Learning Center bring in Kayak & other nature programs.	4/20/2017 7:41 AM
42	We have just developed a circulating backpack of field guides to MN flora/fauna, and a pair of binoculars. We are particularly promoting a local walking/hiking trail--and have discussed with our local forestry department possibilities about doing more with educational (and directional!) signage for the trail. We would also like to develop a photographic scavenger hunt this summer, and encourage patrons to walk the trail and find where photos were taken.	4/20/2017 7:29 AM
43	We routinely get the Prairie Ecology Bus to our library for programming. This summer we will have them 3 times for sure. We work directly with our community garden to get more books in the hands of the families that are participating. We are also going to be participating in the farmers market this summer to get more kids to utilize the farmers market as well as have reading resources there are well.	4/20/2017 6:26 AM
44	We have had story walks that are popular at our local Green Island Preserve and Retreat. We are hosting the U of M Raptor Center as a Summer Reading Program Kick-Off. The local school is providing the space as our library is small.	4/20/2017 5:58 AM
45	N/a	4/19/2017 6:36 PM
46	Raptor center program Story walk at community park	4/18/2017 5:13 AM
47	Story Trail program with partner Ramsey County Parks & Rec (second year) ; outdoor literacy/nature space at Roseville Library ; regular visits from Tamarack Nature Center, MN DNR, and Maplewood Nature Center to family storytimes ; Nature Camp for school-aged kids during summer at Roseville location	4/18/2017 5:06 AM
48	Storywalks in a nearby park. Animal yoga in the park. Nature-based Family Fun Night themes (birds, bees, gardens, etc) Nature themed storytimes.	4/18/2017 3:47 AM
49	We mostly have presenters come in to do programs: Dakota Co. Parks, Audubon Center of the North Woods, etc.	4/17/2017 5:50 AM
50	Nature backpacks at Sun Ray Public Library in St. Paul	4/14/2017 5:24 AM
51	Star gazer program with Mike Lynch of WCCO.	4/14/2017 5:13 AM
52	Story Walk in partnership with the local Dakota County Parks Department has been an extremely popular activity.	4/14/2017 4:26 AM

53	None	4/14/2017 2:49 AM
54	Storywalks, Minnesota Gardener presentations, etc.	4/14/2017 12:41 AM
55	Brookdale Library partnered with three rivers park district on Mississippi River related activities. Families LOVE the river! I first created a river pathway on the floor of the library that kids walked all the way down to the children's area. Kids loved it! I had teen volunteers add fish, bridges and cities to the river to crest talkable learning features for parents to engage with their kids. We had a map scale and added Brookdale library to the map as well.	4/13/2017 3:04 PM
56	-Spring Planting: outdoor storytelling that encourages physical play--presented by The Story Man From England. -Art in Nature: nature-themed art program--presented by Dakota County Parks -Bruce the Bug Guy: educational program with live insects -Story Walk: walk outside and read from picture book pages throughout a city park--presented by the City of Burnsville	4/13/2017 10:11 AM
57	They aren't run through the library at this point.	4/13/2017 9:29 AM
58	Bruce the Bug Guy is wonderful. We need more like him.	4/13/2017 5:44 AM
59	Rocks and Minerals, MN Geology with Dakota County Parks, we are doing a Summer Sky Astronomy program with them,	4/13/2017 5:04 AM
60	We are just putting together Nature Backpacks for kids to checkout, proposed by our Friends group and a Master Naturalist. The packs include content from the Jr. Naturalist program, some equipment, and a giveaway journal. These will be new for us; still unsure on how they will be received.	4/13/2017 4:49 AM
61	mostly just storywalks, themed storytimes,, DNR visits	4/13/2017 4:40 AM
62	The Department of Natural Resources brings a variety of ideas, themes and activities to storytimes and the 'I Can Camp' program for families.	4/13/2017 3:25 AM
63	We have a library garden. Families help plant it, pick from it, and whatever is not taken, we give to our local food shelf. It is a very small project that we are trying to grow...	4/13/2017 1:55 AM
64	Monarch raising on our reference desk every summer, children's storytime garden (planted by the kids themselves) in our reading garden every summer, nature explore club in summer for school age, storytime outside, STEAM activities (big bubbles) outside, Yoga storytime outside, DNR storytimes, Nature kits, available to check out from our building (RCL-RV), creative passive play in the reading garden (sidewalk chalk, rain cistern water, prairie walk) among others	4/13/2017 1:50 AM
65	We partner with University of Minnesota-Crookston to bring students in to lead a series of Family Nature Nights that contain an informational section, along with a hands-on activity.	4/13/2017 1:45 AM
66	StoryWalks around local parks	4/13/2017 1:40 AM
67	We have used St Johns university programs. They come to us with themed programs. Library staff have programs such as Trees & Me which includes leaf rubbings, games outside, looking a tree rings and making tree disk necklace. Granite to Gemstones class showed children the various classifications of rocks and allowed the children to take home samples of various rocks and gems. Library received materials about Smokey the Bear and used them with children. Recycled paper making class is an annual favorite with adults and children. A class on Bears was enjoyed by kids. We also have mounted animals on display such as opossum and owls.	4/11/2017 12:45 AM
68	Special Guests at storytimes (DNR, Nature Centers) Special programs (Raptor Center, Pollinate MN) STEAM programming, including some nature themes Nature kits (circulating, 6 kits) Storytime garden (Partnered with Growing Green Hearts)	4/8/2017 1:26 AM
69	The YMCA reached out to us about donating Nature Backpacks (purchased with grant funding) to the library to circulate. We just started circulating 3 Nature Backpacks. The backpacks have nature books, binoculars, a flower press, a compass, and other materials that encourage children to get outside and explore. These backpacks just got added to our collection, so we'll have to wait and see how popular they are as the weather gets warmer. We also have a seed library, mainly used by our adult patrons.	4/7/2017 6:45 AM
70	We work with Dodge Nature Center to provide programs on Minnesota Wildlife, chickens, etc.	4/7/2017 2:24 AM
71	We have had successful programs with the DNR, the Mahtomedi Garden Club, as well as presentations by the Snake Discovery Program and other external organizations.	4/7/2017 1:30 AM

72	We do plenty of storytimes focuses on nature based themes/activities; we also do storywalks now on a regular basis. Last year we created an outdoor container garden which kids planted then watered all summer. We do many of our Sumemr Reading activities outside in our adjacent park. We often work with our local Houston Nature Center on projects and support the International Festival of Owls, which takes place in Houston MN every March, with related storytimes and activities. We have had people from the USGS come, from the park system, etc to host special events, taking advantage of their expertise. Probably the most popular thing we do is to have animals at stoyrtimes, so kids can see, touch, and learn about everything from horses to rabbits to goats, lambs, etc. Just because you live in a rural area does not mean you have access to animals!	4/6/2017 8:32 AM
73	I've offered station-style programs on topics like rocks and water for preschoolers and their caregivers that have been popular. We've also had summer performers that brought live animals (Bruce the Bug Guy, RAD Zoo, Como Zoo, etc.)	4/6/2017 6:24 AM
74	Growing pollinator plants to give away; learning about native plants & animals	4/6/2017 5:15 AM
75	zoo, rapture center programming, outdoor gardens, nature crafts, nature scavenger hunts	4/6/2017 5:06 AM

**Q12 If you would you be interested in sharing the above activity and the implementation lessons learned with others, please provide your contact information including name, library, email, and phone number so that we can follow up with you.**

Answered: 16 Skipped: 59

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1	The above activities were lead by a staff person who is no longer working for HCL. They had a naturalist background.	5/3/2017 4:00 AM
2	n/a	5/1/2017 6:44 AM
3	Lisa Howes lhowes@hclib.org 612-543-5982	4/27/2017 5:00 AM
4	Mary Steinbicker Golden Valley Library, Golden Valley MN 55345 msteinbicker@hclib.org 612-543-6381	4/26/2017 8:20 AM
5	Please don't spam me. One or two emails is fine, but if you're gonna do a ton, please delete my email Hilary Moon Murphy Washburn Library hmurphy@hclib.org	4/26/2017 3:36 AM
6	Monica Stratton Ramsey County Library mstrat@rclreads.org 651-724-6063	4/18/2017 5:06 AM
7	Alison Reiter Mississippi Library Alison.reiter@co.anoka.mn.us 763-571-1934	4/18/2017 3:47 AM
8	Julia Carlis, Dakota County Library, julia.carlis@co.dakota.mn.us	4/14/2017 4:26 AM
9	Jackie Blagsvedt (formerly Brookdale library) currently at Minnesota Department of Education. 651-582-8805. Jacqueline.Blagsvedt@gmail.com	4/13/2017 3:04 PM
10	Bruce the Bug Guy is a model for all.	4/13/2017 5:44 AM
11	Anne Friederichs, Dakota County Wescott Library, Anne.Friederichs@co.dakota.mn.us; 651-450-2909	4/13/2017 5:04 AM
12	If these go well for us, I'll get back in touch.	4/13/2017 4:49 AM
13	Jennifer Dietrich/Nicole Brinkman 651-724-6032 jdietrich@rclreads.org, nbrinkman@rclreads.org RCL-Roseville	4/13/2017 1:50 AM
14	Jan Gerth Great River Regional Library ~ Upsala Jang@grrl.lib.mn.us 320.573.4282 library, 320.573.4125 home.	4/11/2017 12:45 AM
15	Nicole Brinkman, RCL- Roseville, nbrinkman@rclreads.org, 651-724-6032	4/8/2017 1:26 AM
16	Liz Gibson-Gasset Houston Public Library hpublib@gmail.com 507-896-READ	4/6/2017 8:32 AM