

Library Analytics Toolkit

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In this phase of the Library Analytics Toolkit project, the team has been focusing on developing a collection development focused tool to visualize collection data to support collection development and acquisitions. The Toolkit will also be of use in circulation as it will allow users to visualize circulation over time. The Toolkit will take the form of an interactive webpage which will give users the ability to view trends overtime using the currently available data, which is from 2002 to present, and visualize collection development and use in new ways. The data can be navigated by keyword, which is based on the item's primary subject heading in HOLLIS. We have collaborated with our designers to create a logical and pleasurable user experience. We believe this initial investment in a clear interface will help ensure the longevity and viability of the product. The final product will be open source software developed primarily using Javascript and D3.js, making it possible for the Toolkit to later be expanded to encompass other types of library data. The project is slated to be completed in the next several weeks and at that time it will be available for use throughout the library community. We look forward to sharing the Toolkit with the whole Harvard Library community and getting feedback on it from users.