

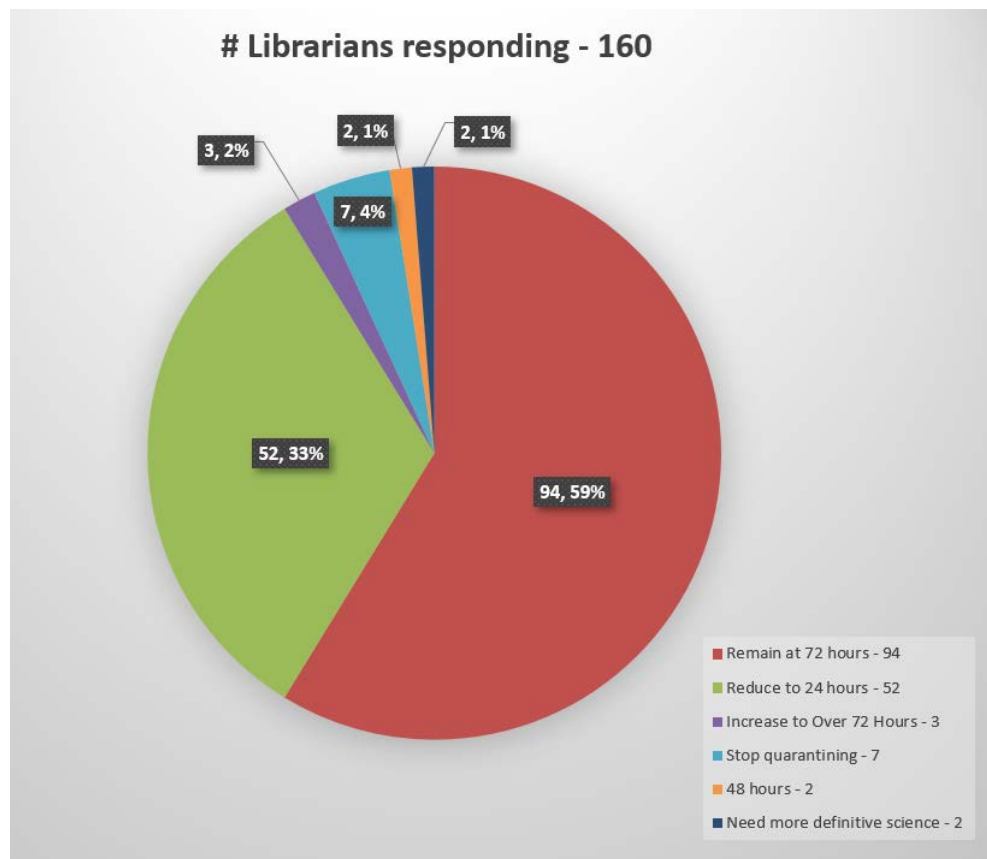
Survey Results: Length of Library Materials COVID Quarantine

Summary:

The Maine State Library released a survey in January 2021 to provide insight into Maine librarian's thoughts about changing our quarantine time frame. We received 160 individual responses from librarians in 136 Maine libraries. Responses were received from public, academic, school and special libraries. Most responses came from library directors.

Length of Quarantine:

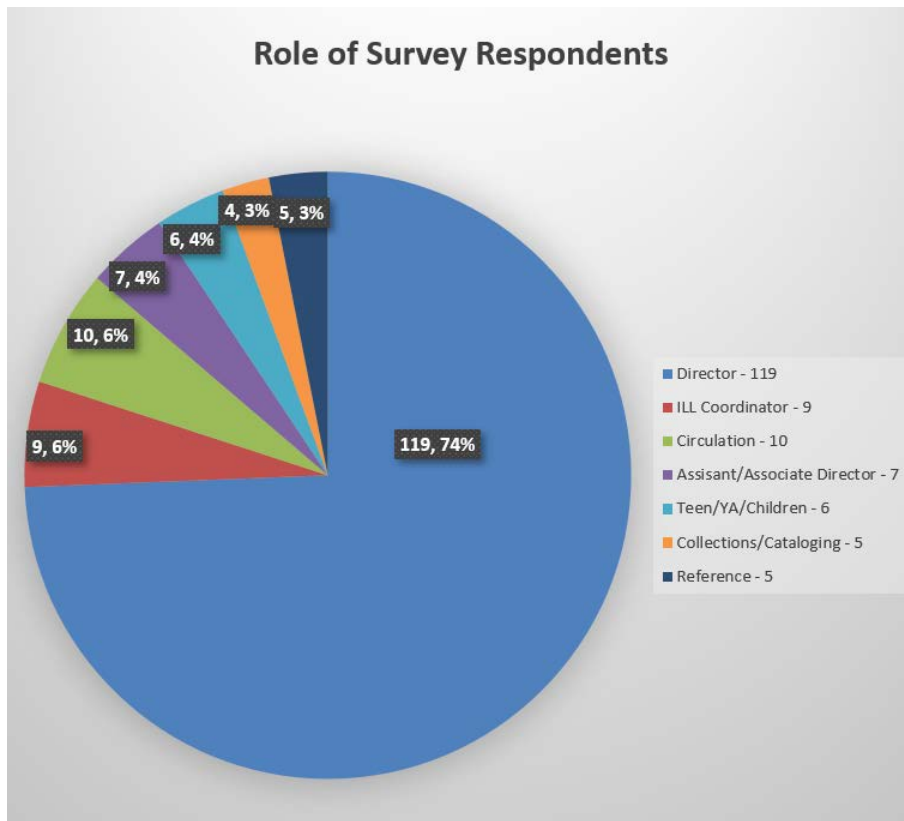
Fifty nine percent of librarians would like to remain at the 72 hours as compared to 33% agreeable to 24 hours. Other responses are detailed in the graphic and chart below.



Responses to Quarantine Survey	# Librarians	Percent
Remain at 72 hours	94	59%
Reduce to 24 hours	52	33%
Increase to Over 72 Hours	3	2%
Other - Stop quarantining	7	4%
Other - 48 hours	2	1%
Other- Need more definitive science	2	1%
	160	100%

Roles of Respondents:

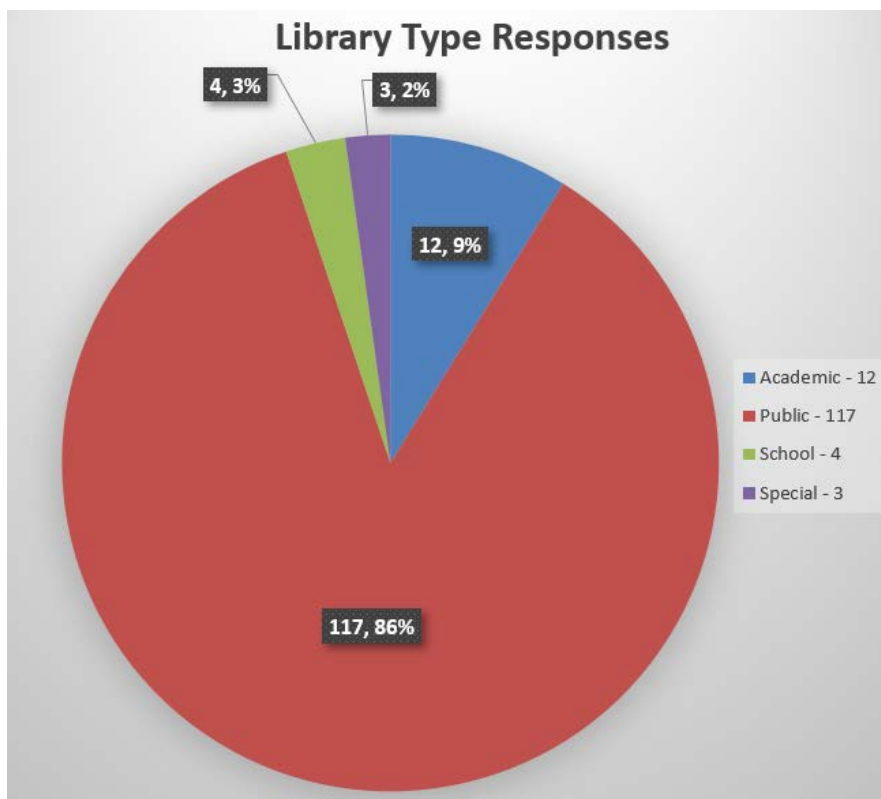
Seventy-four percent (74%) of survey respondents (119) were library directors/head librarians. The remaining respondents included a wide area of roles in Maine libraries. See the breakdown in the pie chart and data chart.



Library Role of Survey Respondents	# Responding	Percentage
Director	119	74%
ILL Coordinator	9	6%
Circulation	10	6%
Assisant/Associate Director	7	4%
Teen/YA/Children	6	4%
Collections/Cataloging	4	3%
Reference	5	3%
Total survey espondents	160	

Library Type of Respondents:

The highest number of survey responses came from public libraries (86%). We received responses from academic, school and special libraries as well.



Further data details:

Among Library Directors, 43% indicated the wish to remain at the current 72-hour quarantine while 37% would like to see the quarantine time reduced to 24 hours. Five of the seven respondents who felt no quarantine necessary were also library directors.

Teen and Youth Services librarians indicated a preference for reducing quarantine to 24 hours. Children's librarians preferred to stay at the current 72 hours.