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I'll discuss...

- why MIT decided to try WorldCat Local
- challenges encountered in implementation
- pros & cons of WorldCat Local

Why WorldCat Local?

- Built-in 2.0 features
- Stylish & modern (book covers!)
- Many of our records already in WorldCat
- Easier to find books in BLC
- Cheap (relatively)
- Low maintenance

Challenges in implementation

- OCLC still figuring out WCL
- Doesn't include all records; how to convey this to users?
- No control over things that don't work

What Works Well

- Cool features: faceted browsing, user profiles, mobile/iPhone app
- Looks slick
- Nice to have other libraries' holdings with ours
- “FRBR-ization” of records

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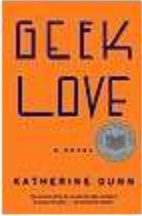









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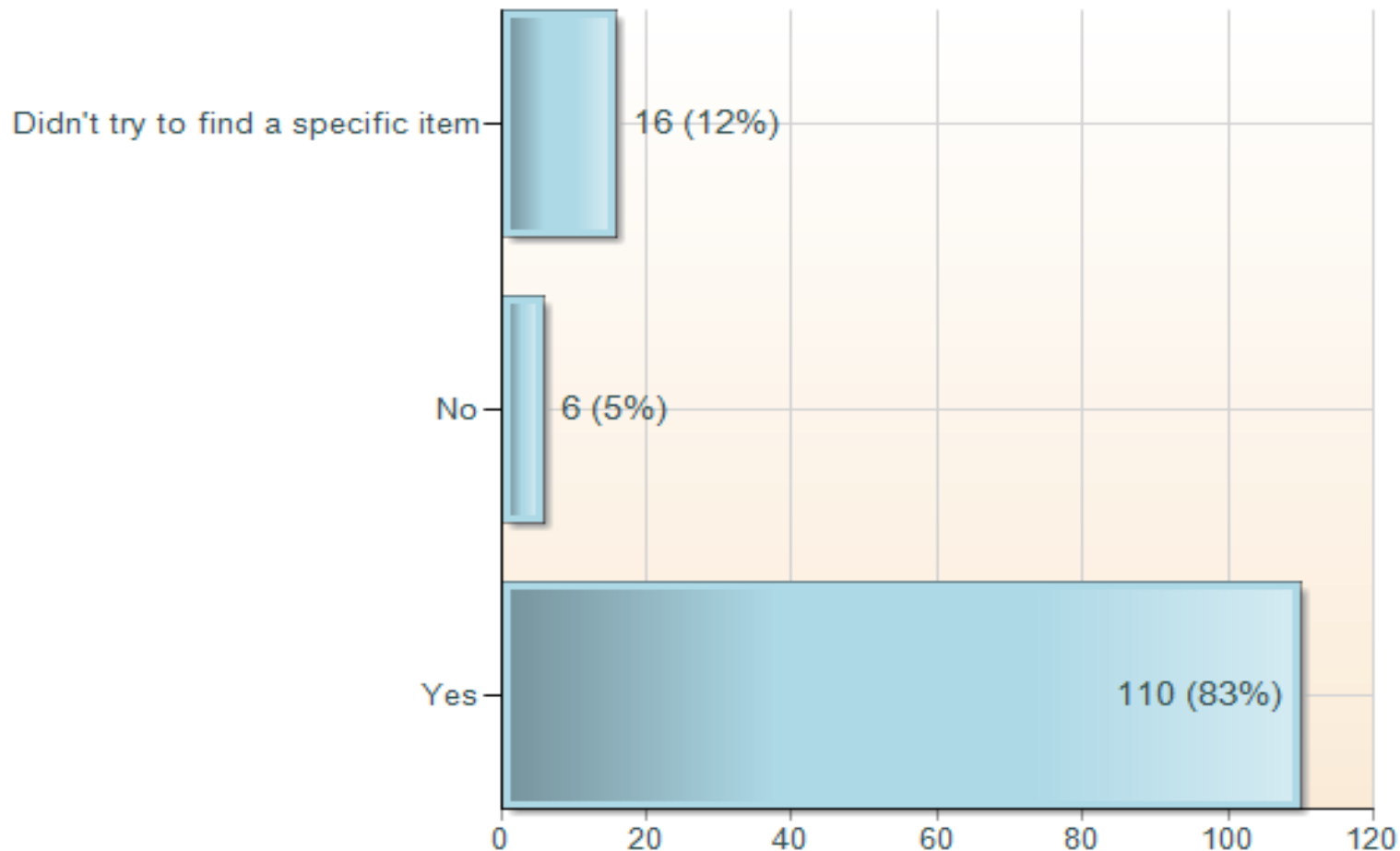
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“I like the fact that it doesn't have duplicate listings of items. The nice thing about searching amazon.com, for example, is finding a definitive, ‘official’ listing for an item.”

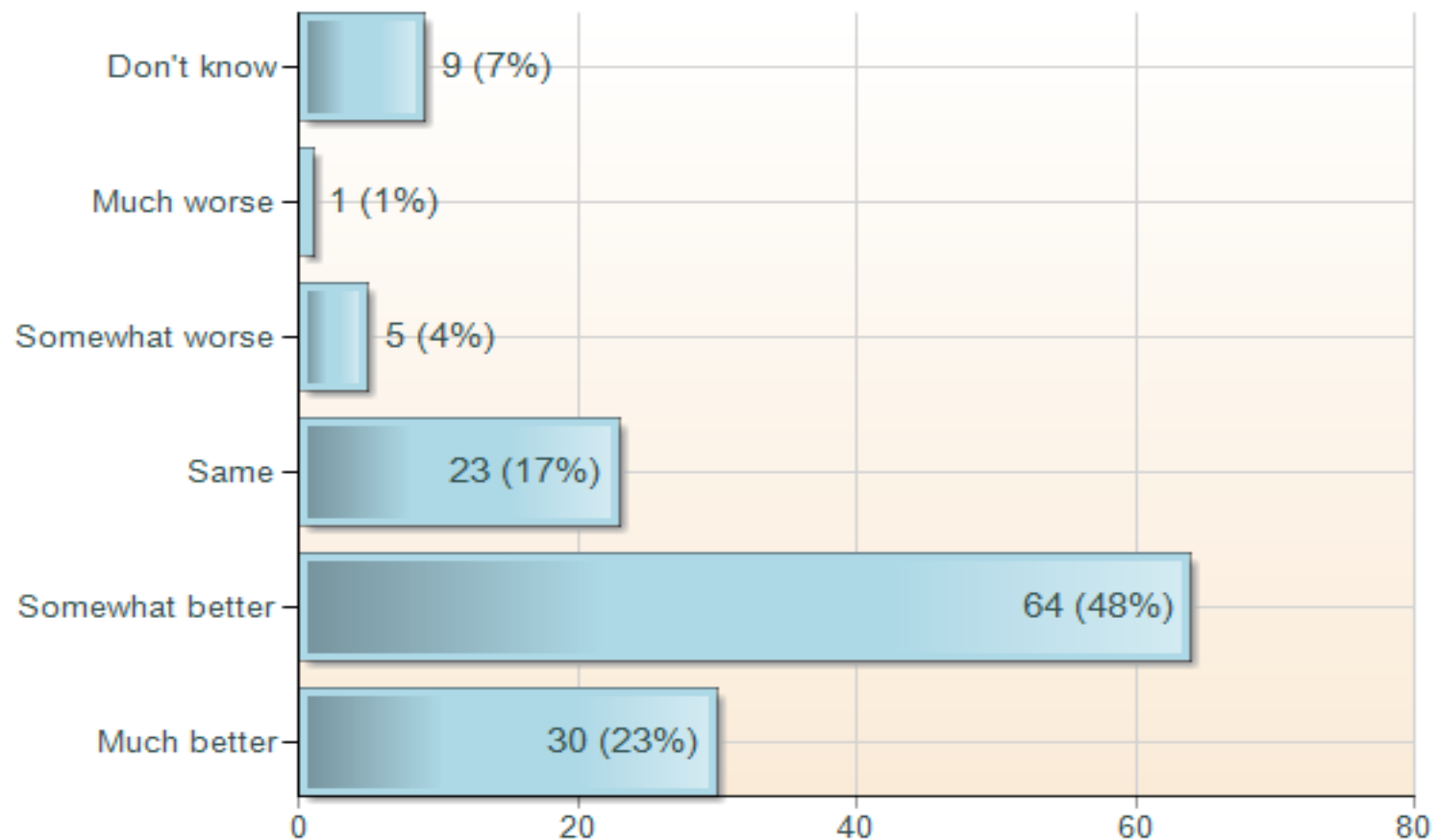
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“Easier to search for similar topics; able to export to Endnote”

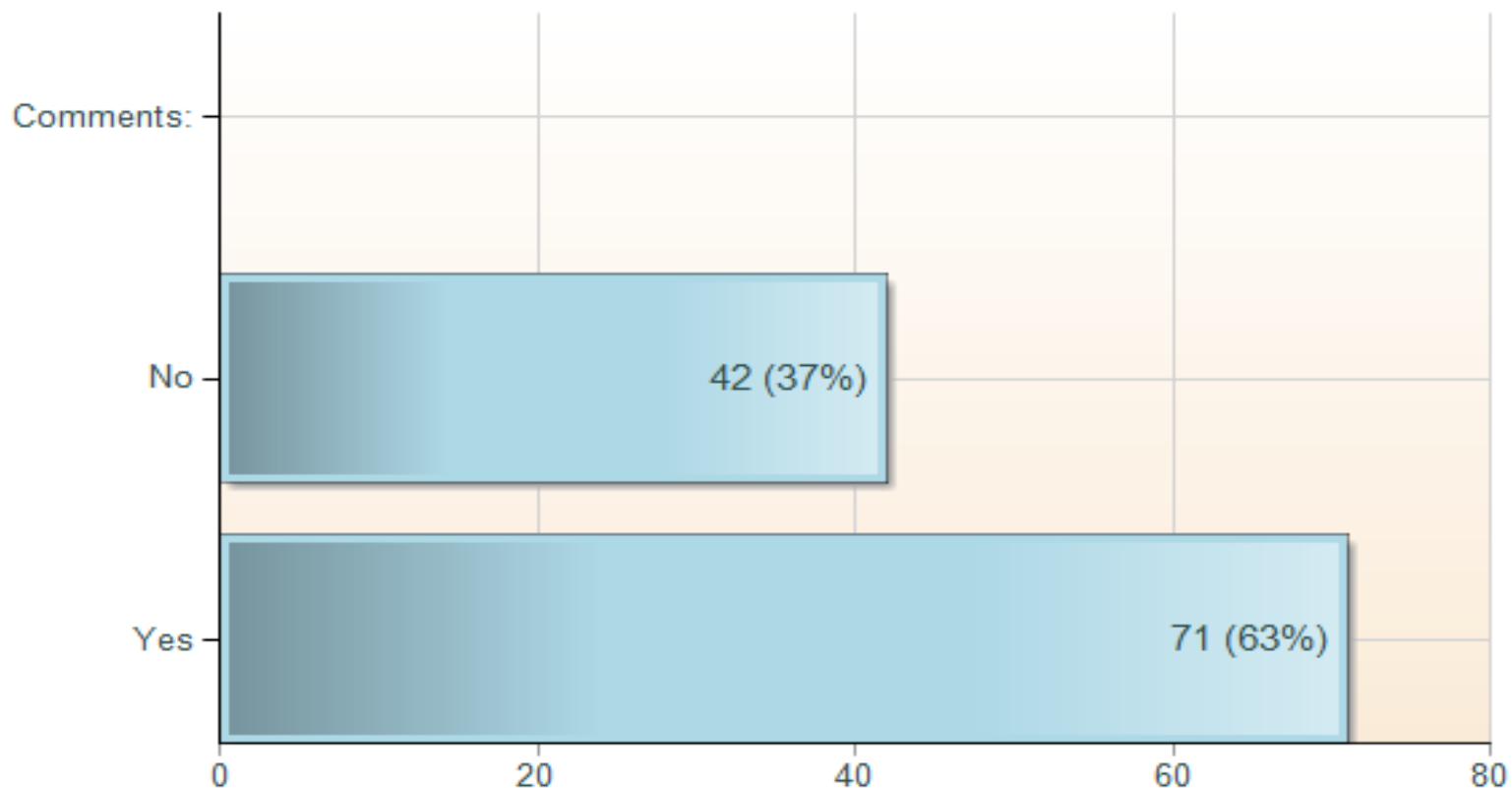
“Simplicity of the interface”

“Quick access to interlibrary loan”

How does this catalog compare to Barton, the MIT Libraries' catalog? (When you are finished viewing the catalog, simply close that window and you will be returned to the survey.)



MIT's WorldCat may be deployed as a partial replacement for Barton. WorldCat would not include all of the records currently available in Barton, so it would still be necessary to access Barton for certain items. Knowing that, would you still recommend that we purchase this system?



What Doesn't Work Well

- Very little control over how things work
- Often slows or times out when loading for titles with many items
- Only contains items in OCLC
- Some local notes fields don't display (59x will display)
- Only has some articles from a few publishers

Impact on technical services & catalogers

- Not a lot for us, so far...
- Cleaned up deleted holdings in WC
- Updates of holdings when we get OCLC records from other sources
- Possibly rethinking the use of single records for print and electronic versions

More info...

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