FDLP Forecast Study Data Report
Library Forecast Question 11

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Question 11 of the Library Forecast Questionnaire asked depository libraries: "If your library does not view the tangible FDLP collection positively, please explain." This report documents the data gathered from this question. Please note: totals may not always equal 100% due to rounding.

The data report, Overall High-Level Quantitative Data for Library Forecast Questionnaires, is available for viewing.

The results are presented by:

- Library Type
    - Academic General
    - Academic, Community College
    - Academic, Law Library
    - Federal Agency Library
    - Federal Court Library
    - Highest State Court Library
    - Public Library
    - Service Academy
    - Special Library
    - State Library
- Library Size
    - Large = > 1,000,000 volumes
    - Medium = 250,000 – 1,000,000 volumes
    - Small = < 250,000 volumes
- Depository Type
    - Regional
    - Selective
- Cross-tabulated by Library Size and Depository Type
- Cross-tabulated by Library Type and Depository Type

PRESENTATION OF QUALITATIVE RESULTS

Question 11 did not have a yes/no (quantitative) component. Responses were entirely open-ended (qualitative).

273 libraries responded to Question 11, explaining their view of the tangible FDLP collection. The following figures depict the results of the qualitative analysis, and the findings of the individual open-ended responses.

Individual open-ended responses totaled 514 observations (individual views of the tangible FDLP collection). Observations were grouped into six over-arching categories for reporting purposes:

1. **Collection Management** refers to Library explanations that pertain to the management of the tangible collection. Examples of responses include: GPO or library cataloging; a preference for, or transition to mainly electronic collections; past, present, or future reduction or weeding of collection; and future or current evaluation of collection scope.

2. **Library Support** refers to Library explanations that pertain to resource and cost issues. Examples of responses include: time, labor, and staff; storage or space issues; and issues with support or commitment to the tangible collection.

3. **Negative Value** refers to Library explanations that indicate a negative value for tangible items. Examples of responses include: the tangible collection is entirely or in part not of value, value is uncertain, is only maintained or used because an alternative format is not available, or is not a valuable information asset.

4. **Procedural** refers to Library explanations that indicate an issue with FDLP procedures and policies, or issues with the Program. Examples of responses include: the retention and weeding policies, Superintendent of Documents Classification system, and GPO processing of material.

5. **Usage** refers to Library explanations that indicate that the tangible collection has low or uncertain usage. Examples of responses include: low usage, declining usage, and barriers to access, whether physical barriers, barriers to usage, or lack of awareness.

6. **Other** refers to all other Library explanations about the tangible collection and responses that were unclear or provided additional information about the explanations. Examples of responses include: the collection is non-existent, "not relevant", and "no answer."

Figures 1 and 2 illustrate explanations about the view of the tangible FDLP collection.

Of the total number of observations reported by respondents, 28% provided an explanation related to Library Support, 20% provided an explanation related to Collection Management, 7% provided an explanation related to Negative Value, 6% provided a Procedural-related explanation, 13% provided a Usage explanation, and 26% provided an Other explanation.

Figure 1: Explanation about View of Tangible: Responses by Category

	Collection Management		Library Support		Negative Value		Procedural		Usage		Other		Total Freq	Total %
	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Total	102	20%	143	28%	38	7%	30	6%	66	13%	135	26%	514	100%

Figure 2: Explanation about View of Tangible: Responses by Category
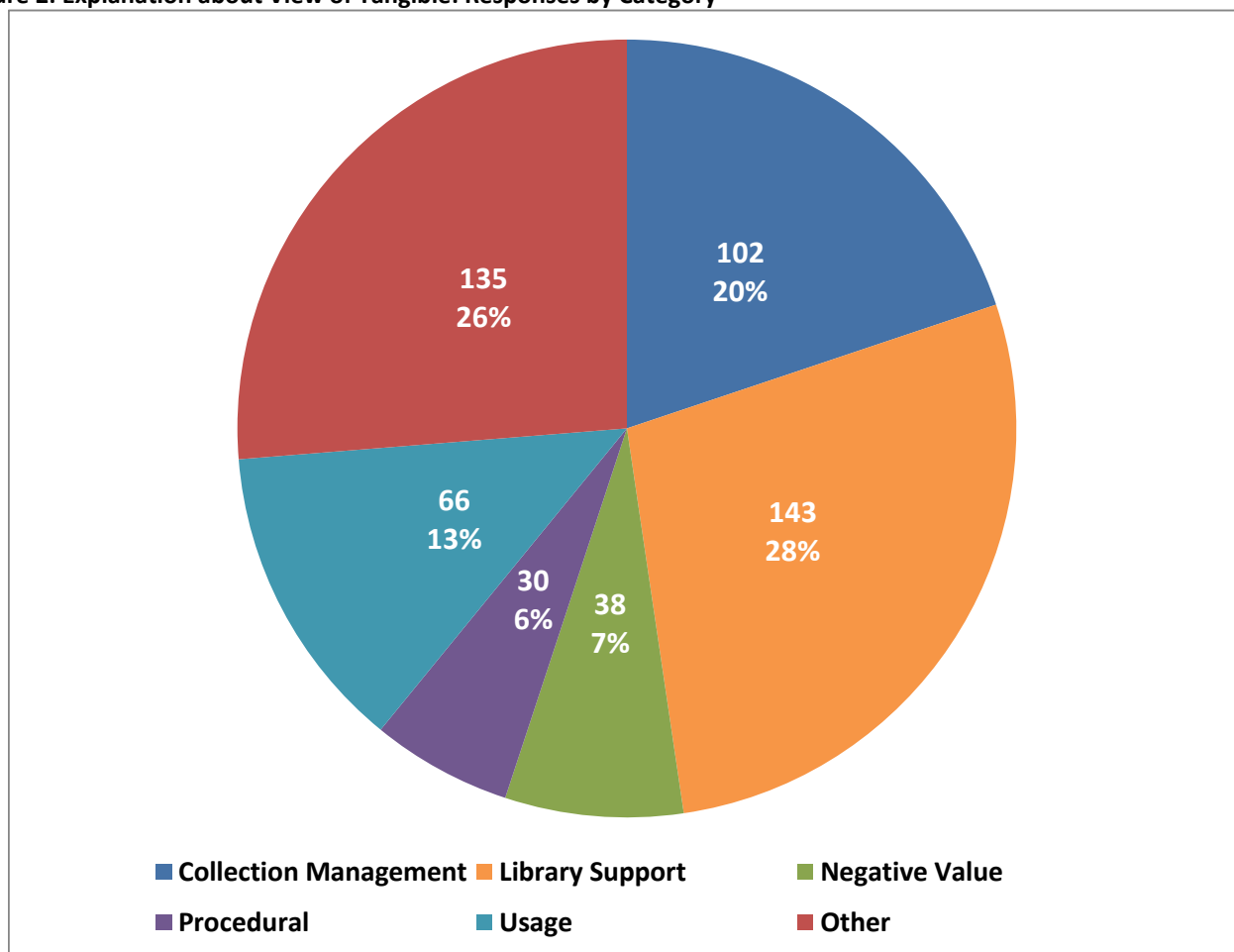
For the purpose of focusing on specific explanations of Libraries' views of the tangible FDLP collection, the "Other" responses have been removed from the following data figures, which reduced the number of observations to 379.
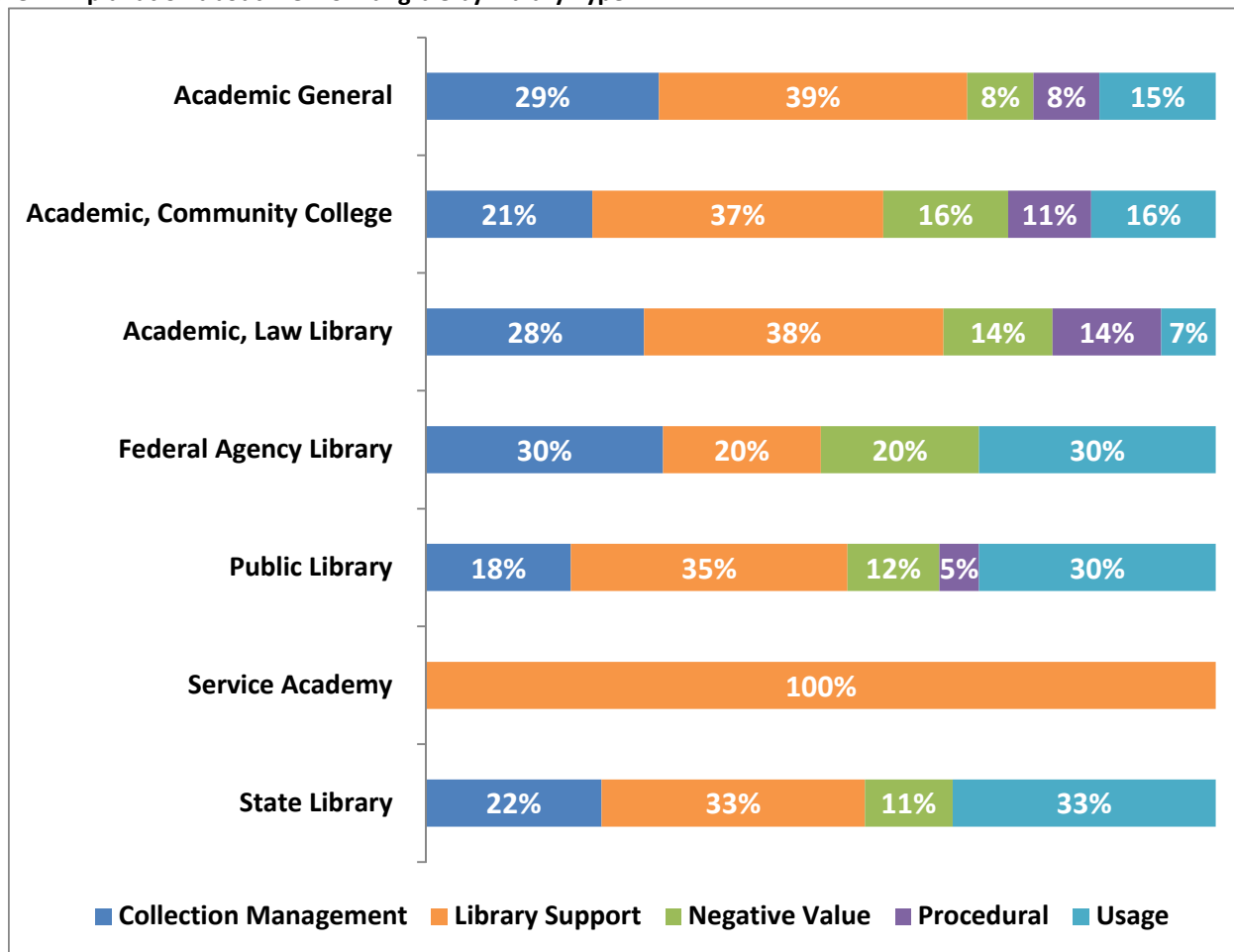
Figures 3 and 4 illustrate explanations about the view of the tangible FDLP collection by library type.

As reflected in the data, the majority of library types had a greater response rate mentioning Library Support as an explanation about the view of the tangible FDLP collection. Federal Agency Libraries had an equal split between Collection Management and Usage explanations, and State Libraries had and equal split between Library Support and Usage explanations.

Figure 3: Explanation about View of Tangible by Library Type

Library Type	Collection Management		Library Support		Negative Value		Procedural		Usage		Total Freq	Total %
	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Academic General	74	29%	98	39%	21	8%	21	8%	37	15%	251	100%
Academic, Community College	4	21%	7	37%	3	16%	2	11%	3	16%	19	100%
Academic, Law Library	8	28%	11	38%	4	14%	4	14%	2	7%	29	100%
Federal Agency Library	3	30%	2	20%	2	20%	0	0%	3	30%	10	100%
Public Library	11	18%	21	35%	7	12%	3	5%	18	30%	60	100%
Service Academy	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
State Library	2	22%	3	33%	1	11%	0	0%	3	33%	9	100%
Grand Total	**102**	**27%**	**143**	**38%**	**38**	**10%**	**30**	**8%**	**66**	**17%**	**379**	**100%**

Figure 4: Explanation about View of Tangible by Library Type

| Library Type	Collection Management	Library Support	Negative Value	Procedural	Usage
Academic General	29%	39%	8%	8%	15%
Academic, Community College	21%	37%	16%	11%	16%
Academic, Law Library	28%	38%	14%	14%	7%
Federal Agency Library	30%	20%	20%		30%
Public Library	18%	35%	12%	5%	30%
Service Academy		100%			
State Library	22%	33%	11%		33%

Figures 5 and 6 illustrate explanations about the view of the tangible FDLP collection by library size.

In examining the results by library size, all library sizes showed Library Support with the greatest response rate as an explanation about the view of the tangible FDLP collection. However, Small Libraries had an even split between Collection Management and Library Support.

Figure 5: Explanation about View of Tangible by Library Size

Library Size	Collection Management		Library Support		Negative Value		Procedural		Usage		Total Freq	Total %
	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Large	50	28%	74	41%	18	10%	13	7%	25	14%	180	100%
Medium	32	25%	49	38%	11	8%	11	8%	27	21%	130	100%
Small	20	29%	20	29%	9	13%	6	9%	14	20%	69	100%
Grand Total	102	27%	143	38%	38	10%	30	8%	66	17%	379	100%

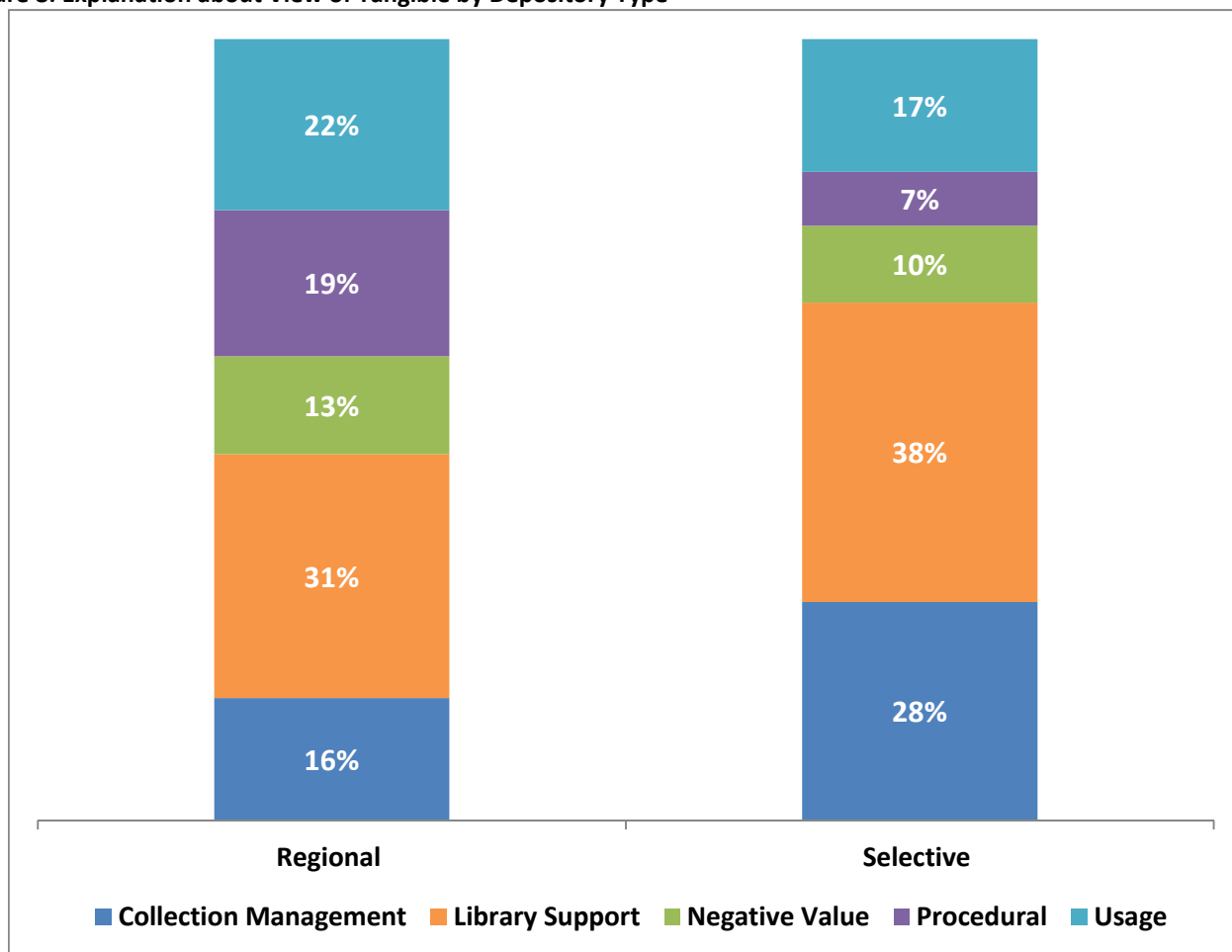**Figure 6: Explanation about View of Tangible by Library Size**
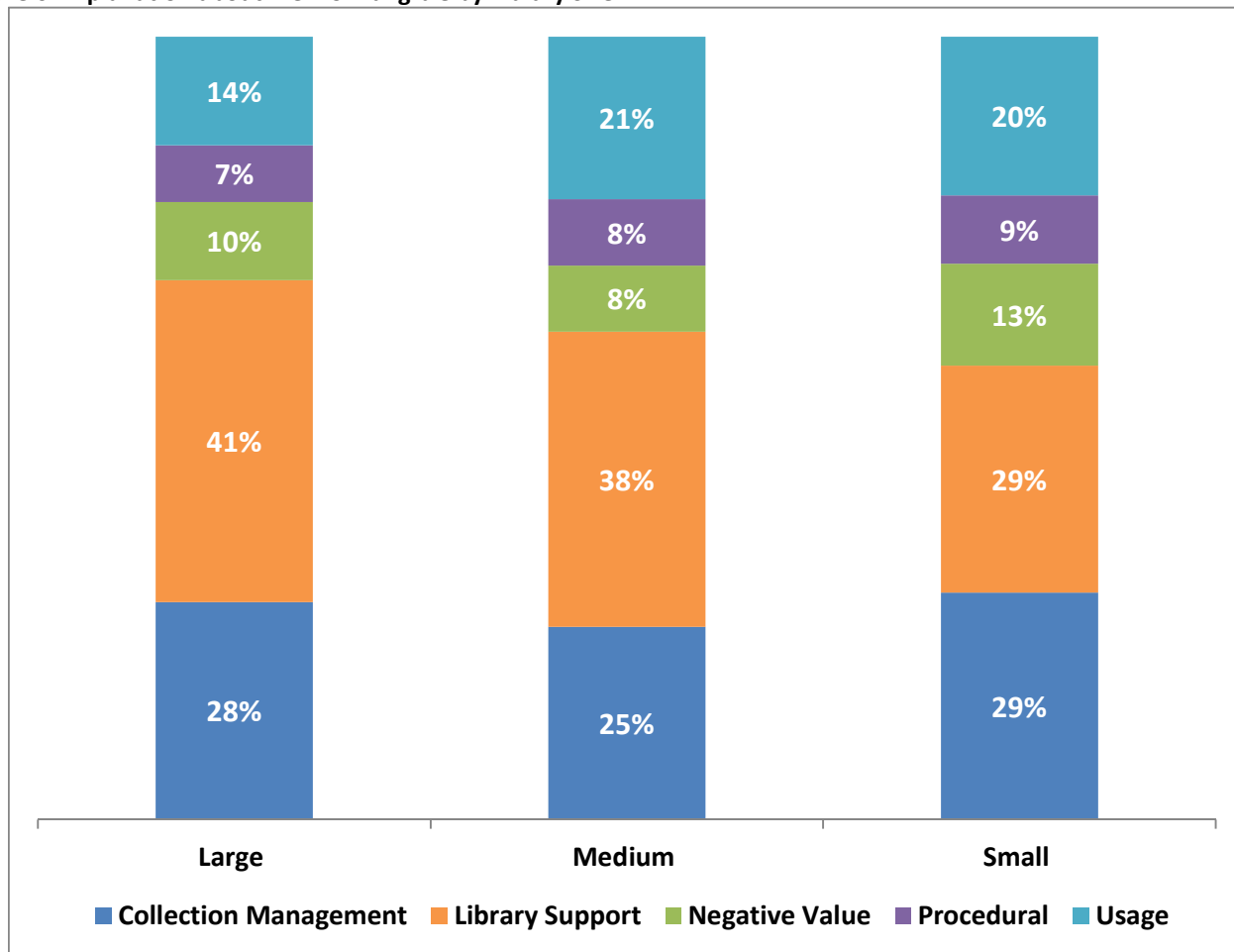
Figures 7 and 8 illustrate explanations about the view of the tangible FDLP collection by depository type.

The results show that both Regional Libraries and Selective Libraries reported Library Support with the highest response rate as an explanation about the view of the tangible FDLP collection.

Figure 7: Explanation about View of Tangible by Depository Type

Depository Type	Collection Management		Library Support		Negative Value		Procedural		Usage		Total Freq	Total %
	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Regional	5	16%	10	31%	4	13%	6	19%	7	22%	32	100%
Selective	97	28%	133	38%	34	10%	24	7%	59	17%	347	100%
Grand Total	**102**	**27%**	**143**	**38%**	**38**	**10%**	**30**	**8%**	**66**	**17%**	**379**	**100%**

Figure 8: Explanation about View of Tangible by Depository Type

Figures 9, 10, and 11 illustrate explanations about the view of the tangible FDLP collection cross-tabulated by depository type and library size.

Large Regional Libraries reported a greater response rate for Library Support as an explanation about the view of the tangible FDLP collection.

Most Selective Libraries, regardless of size, also reported Library Support as an explanation with the greatest response rate. However, Small Libraries were equally split between Collection Management and Library Support.

Figure 9: Explanation about View of Tangible by Depository Type and Library Size

Depository Type	Library Size	Collection Management		Library Support		Negative Value		Procedural		Usage		Total Freq	Total %
		Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Regional	**Large**	5	16%	10	31%	4	13%	6	19%	7	22%	32	100%
Regional Total		**5**	**16%**	**10**	**31%**	**4**	**13%**	**6**	**19%**	**7**	**22%**	**32**	**100%**
Selective	**Large**	45	30%	64	43%	14	9%	7	5%	18	12%	148	100%
	Medium	32	25%	49	38%	11	8%	11	8%	27	21%	130	100%
	Small	20	29%	20	29%	9	13%	6	9%	14	20%	69	100%
Selective Total		**97**	**28%**	**133**	**38%**	**34**	**10%**	**24**	**7%**	**59**	**17%**	**347**	**100%**
Grand Total		**102**	**27%**	**143**	**38%**	**38**	**10%**	**30**	**8%**	**66**	**17%**	**379**	**100%**

Figure 10: Explanation about View of Tangible for Regional Libraries by Library Size

Legend: ■ Collection Management ■ Library Support ■ Negative Value ■ Procedural ■ Usage

Pie chart values: 16%, 31%, 13%, 19%, 22%
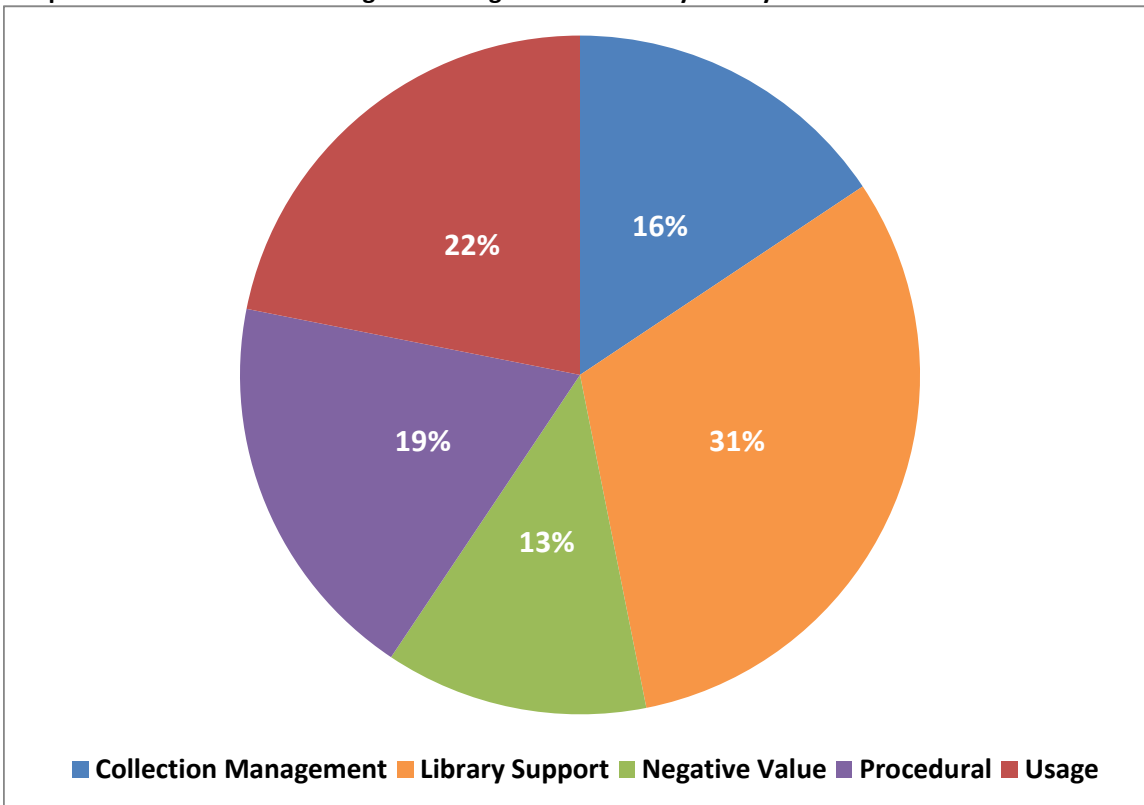
Figure 11: Explanation about View of Tangible for Selective Libraries by Library Size

Category	Large	Medium	Small
Collection Management	30%	25%	29%
Library Support	43%	38%	29%
Negative Value	9%	8%	13%
Procedural	5%	8%	9%
Usage	12%	21%	20%

Legend: ■ Large ■ Medium ■ Small
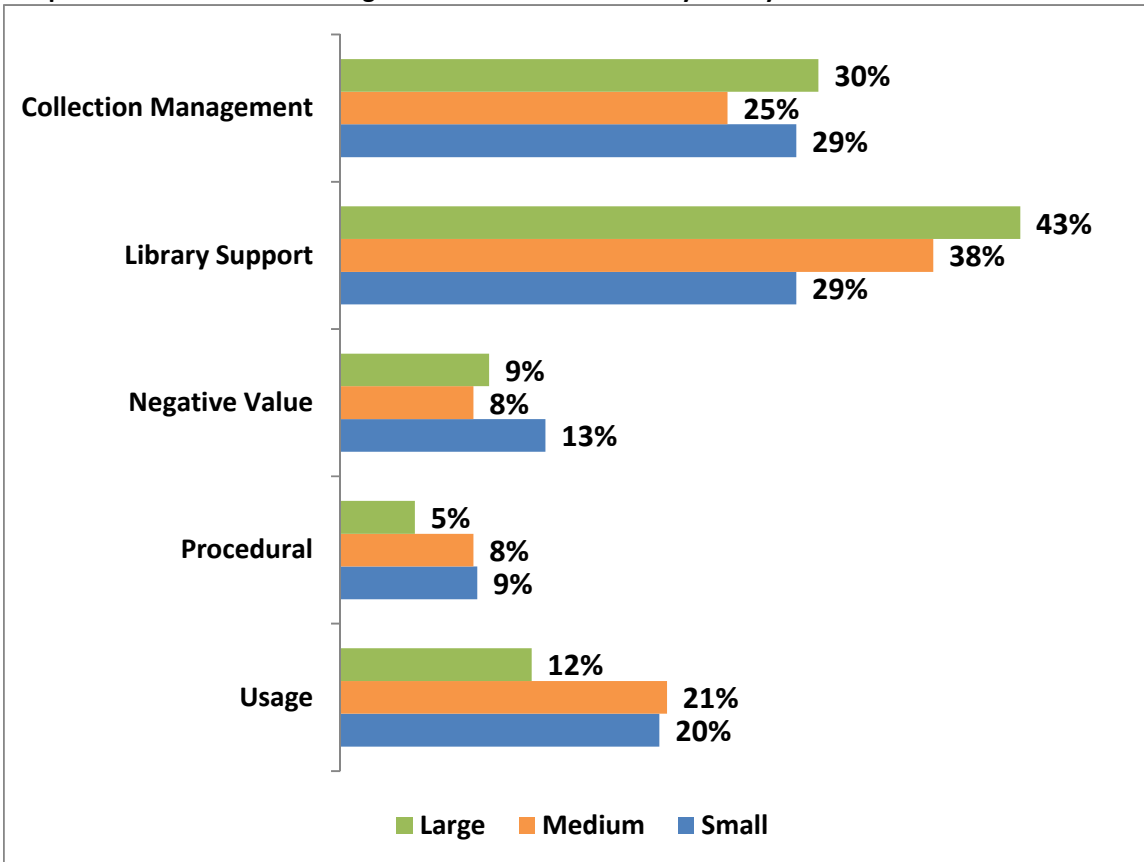
Figures 12, 13, and 14 illustrate explanations about the view of the tangible FDLP collection cross-tabulated by depository type and library type.

Regional Academic General Libraries reported Library Support as an explanation with the highest response rate, and Regional State Libraries reported Negative Value as an explanation with the highest response rate. Regional Public Libraries reported an even split between Library Support and Usage as explanations about the view of the tangible FDLP collection.

Most Selective Library types reported Library Support as an explanation with the highest response rate. Selective Federal Agency Libraries reported an even split between Collection Management and Usage explanations with the highest response rate, and Selective State Libraries reported and even split between Library Support and Usage explanations with the highest response rates.

Figure 12: Explanation about View of Tangible by Depository Type and Library Type

Depository Type	Library Type	Collection Management		Library Support		Negative Value		Procedural		Usage		Total Freq	Total %
		Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Regional	Academic General	5	17%	9	31%	3	10%	6	21%	6	21%	29	100%
	Public Library	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	2	100%
	State Library	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Regional Total		5	16%	10	31%	4	13%	6	19%	7	22%	32	100%
Selective	Academic General	69	31%	89	40%	18	8%	15	7%	31	14%	222	100%
	Academic, Community College	4	21%	7	37%	3	16%	2	11%	3	16%	19	100%
	Academic, Law Library	8	28%	11	38%	4	14%	4	14%	2	7%	29	100%
	Federal Agency Library	3	30%	2	20%	2	20%	0	0%	3	30%	10	100%
	Public Library	11	19%	20	34%	7	12%	3	5%	17	29%	58	100%
	Service Academy	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
	State Library	2	25%	3	38%	0	0%	0	0%	3	38%	8	100%
Selective Total		97	28%	133	38%	34	10%	24	7%	59	17%	347	100%
Grand Total		102	27%	143	38%	38	10%	30	8%	66	17%	379	100%

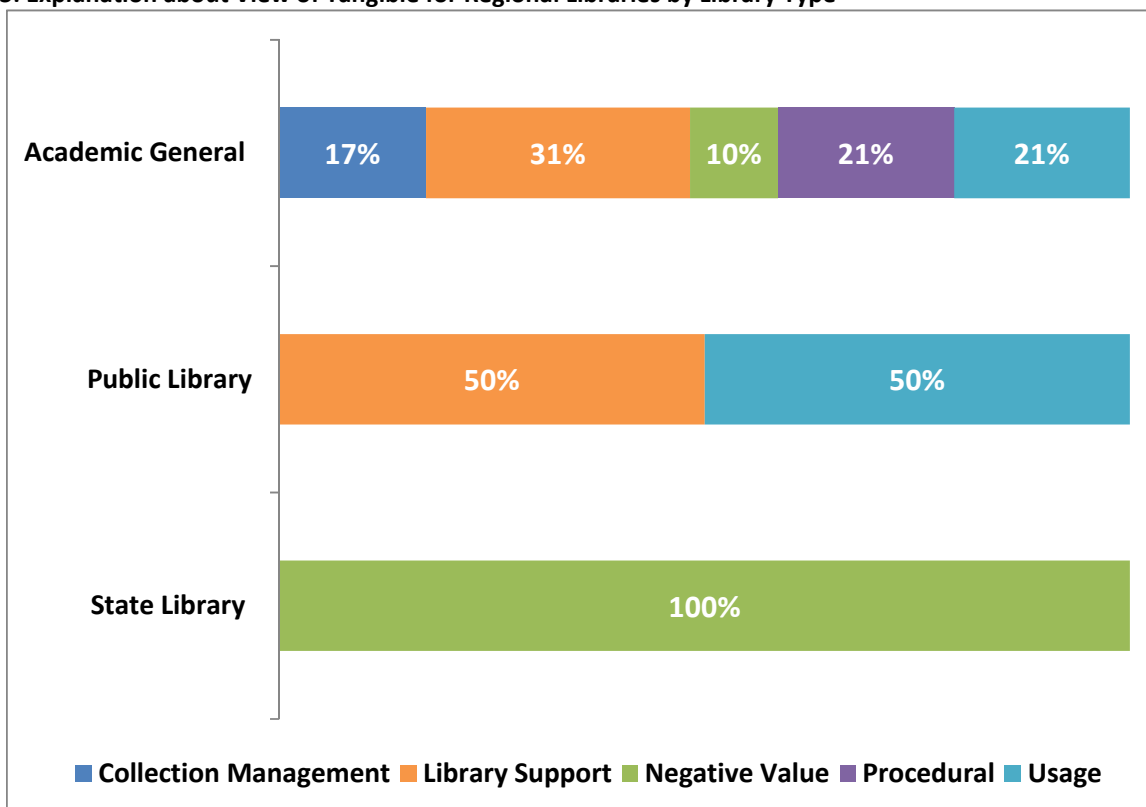**Figure 13: Explanation about View of Tangible for Regional Libraries by Library Type**

Figure 14: Explanation about View of Tangible for Selective Libraries by Library Type