



GLOBAL VISION DISCUSSION

Australia contributes to the IFLA Global
Vision conversation survey results
*How a united library field can tackle the
challenges of the future*

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) survey was open from 6 July to 28 August 2017

ALIA



Contributors

This report was created by 449 respondents, 95% of whom are ALIA Personal Members or work for libraries that are ALIA Institutional Members.

Participants came from every State and Territory in Australia.

Australian Capital Territory	7%	Tasmania	1%
New South Wales	25%	Victoria	31%
Northern Territory	2%	Western Australia	9%
Queensland	15%	Overseas (Vietnam, Canada, UK)	1%
South Australia	9%		

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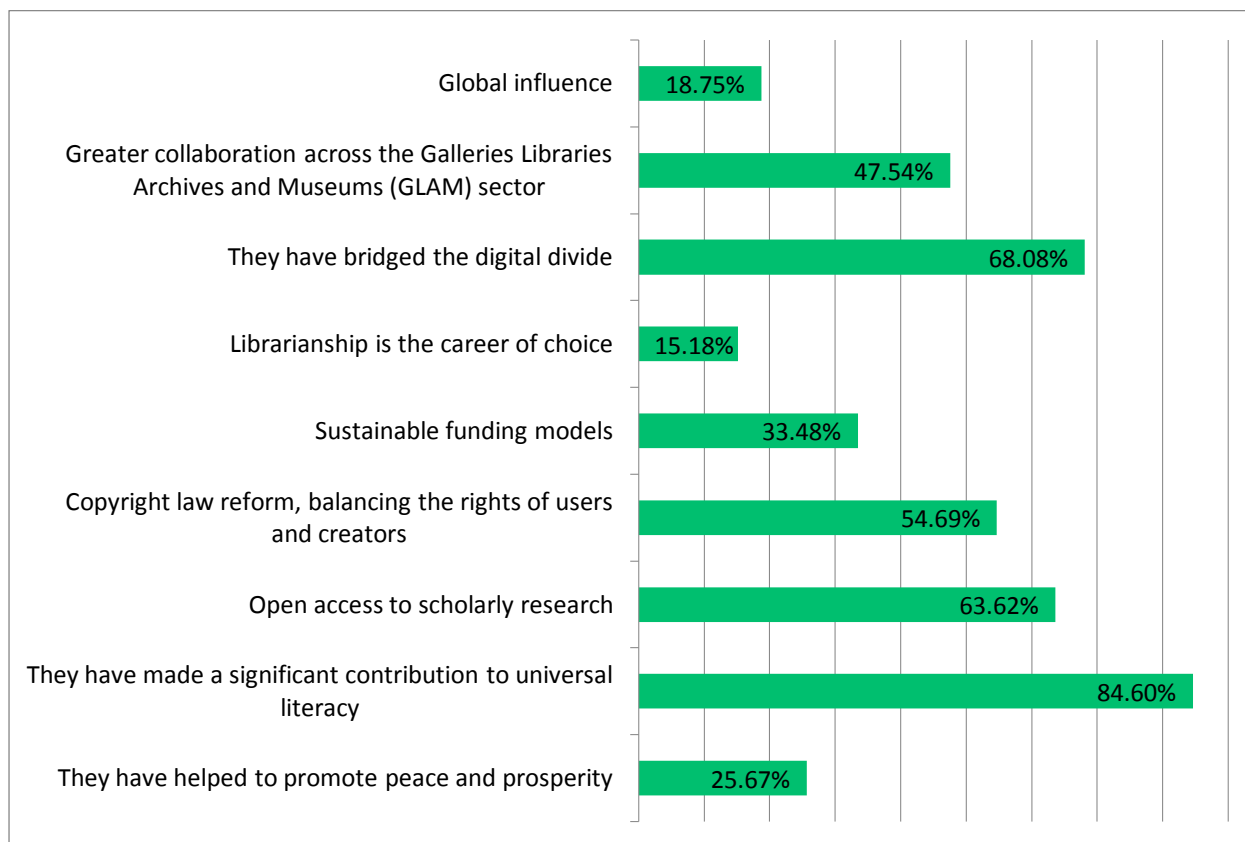
Introduction

Between 6 July and 28 August 2017, 445 Australians connected with libraries (and four from overseas) participated in a conversation about how a united library field can tackle the challenges of the future. Together we represent 8532 years of library experience.

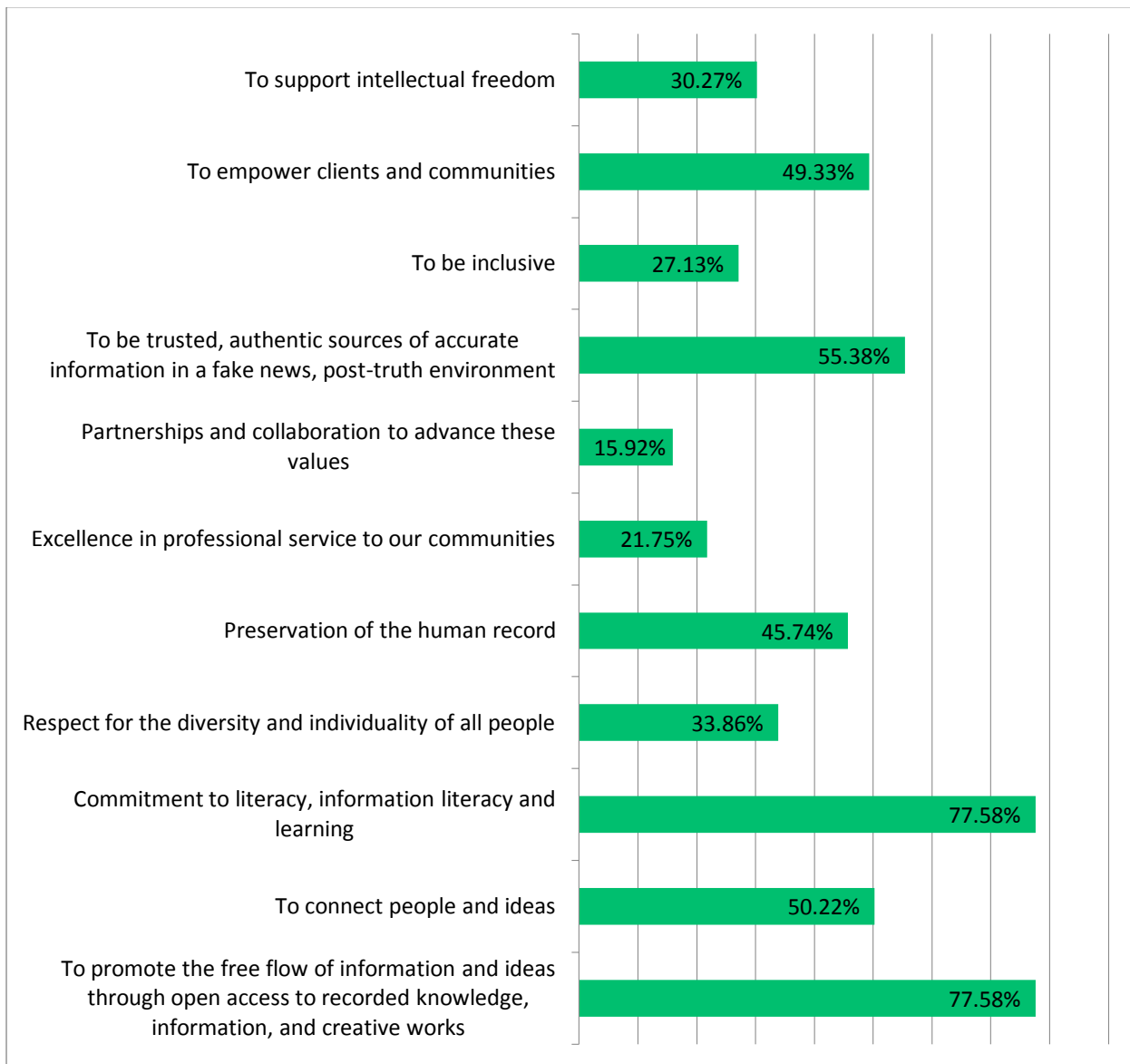
School libraries	12%	National, state and territory libraries	5%
Public libraries	24%	Industry partners/library suppliers	1%
University, higher education, research libraries	24%	Library and information science educators	3%
Vocational education libraries	4%	Students	4%
Special libraries	18%	Retirees	3%
		Other	2%

A vision for libraries

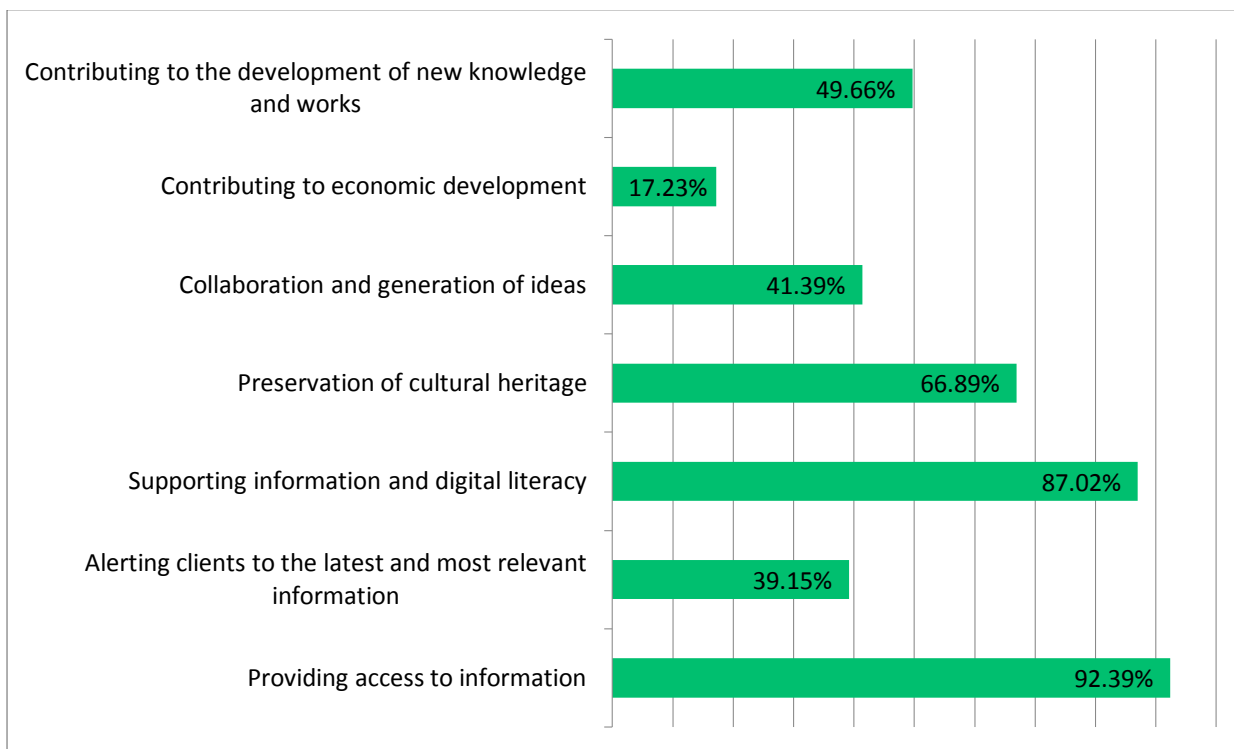
Imagine the year is 2022. What have libraries achieved?



The core values of libraries (Q4):



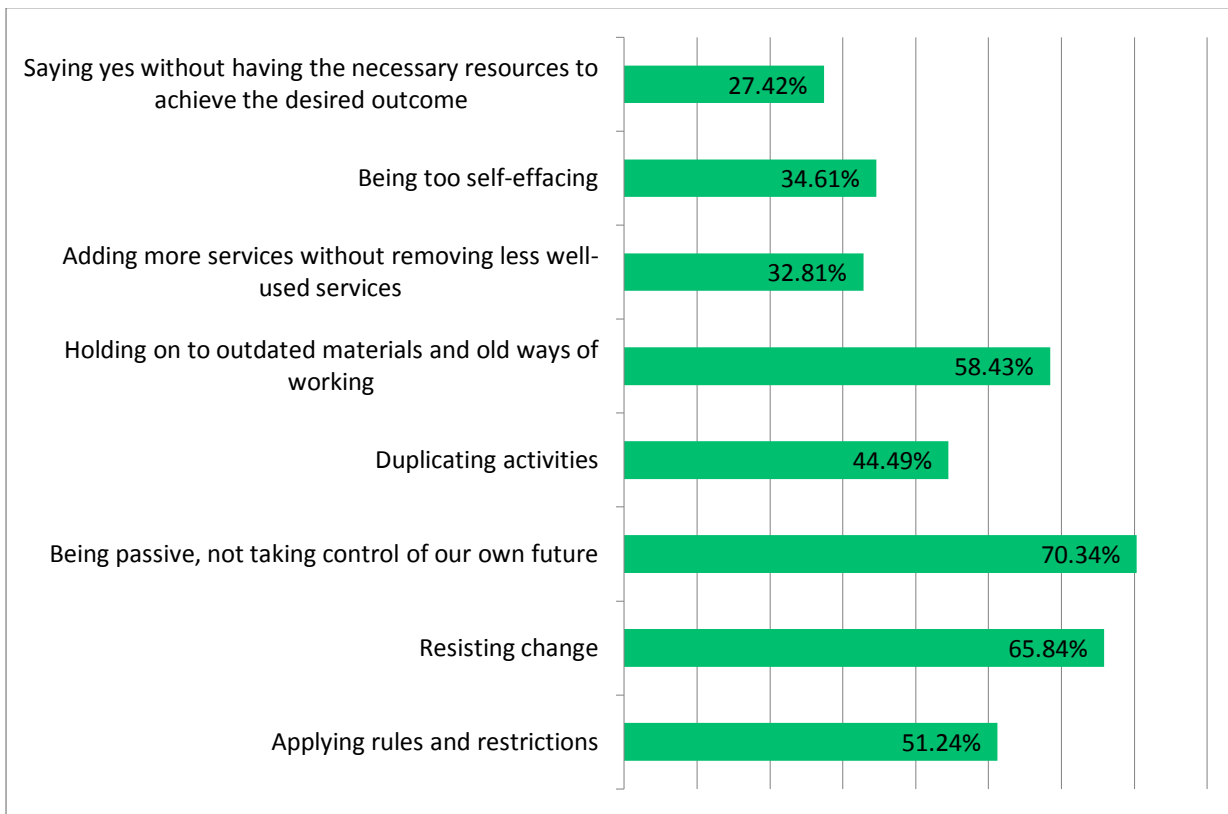
Libraries are exceptionally good at (Q5):



Libraries should do more of (Q6):

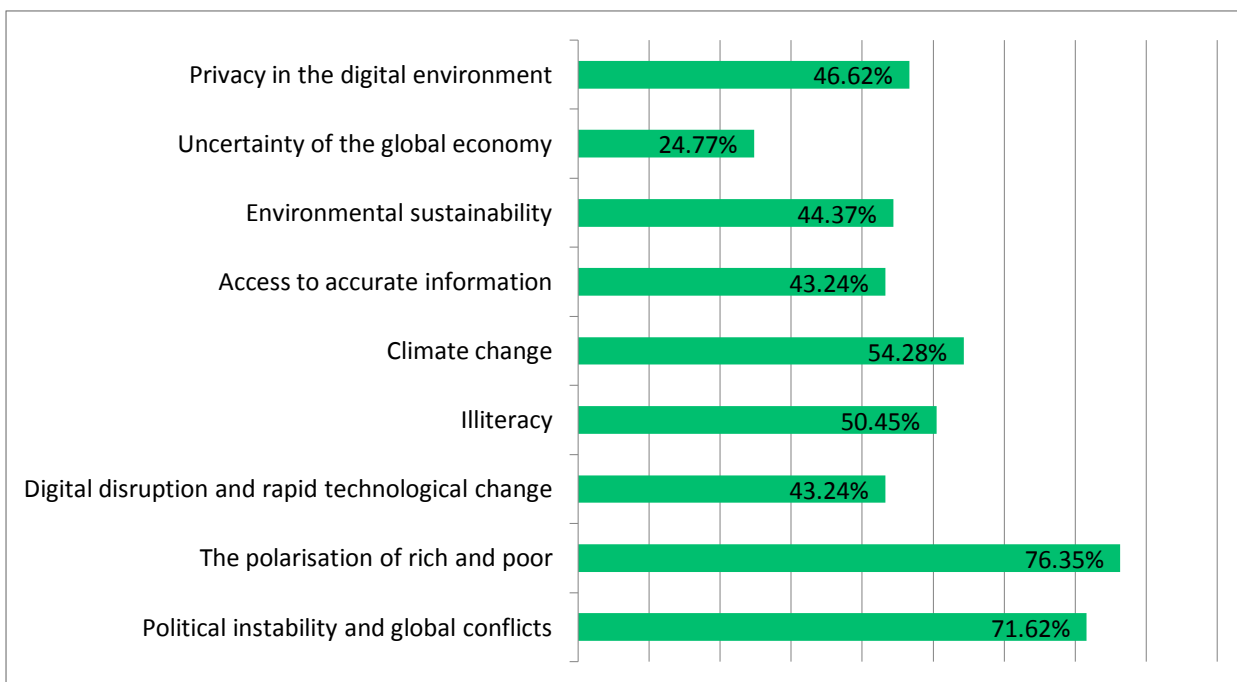


Libraries should do less of (Q7):

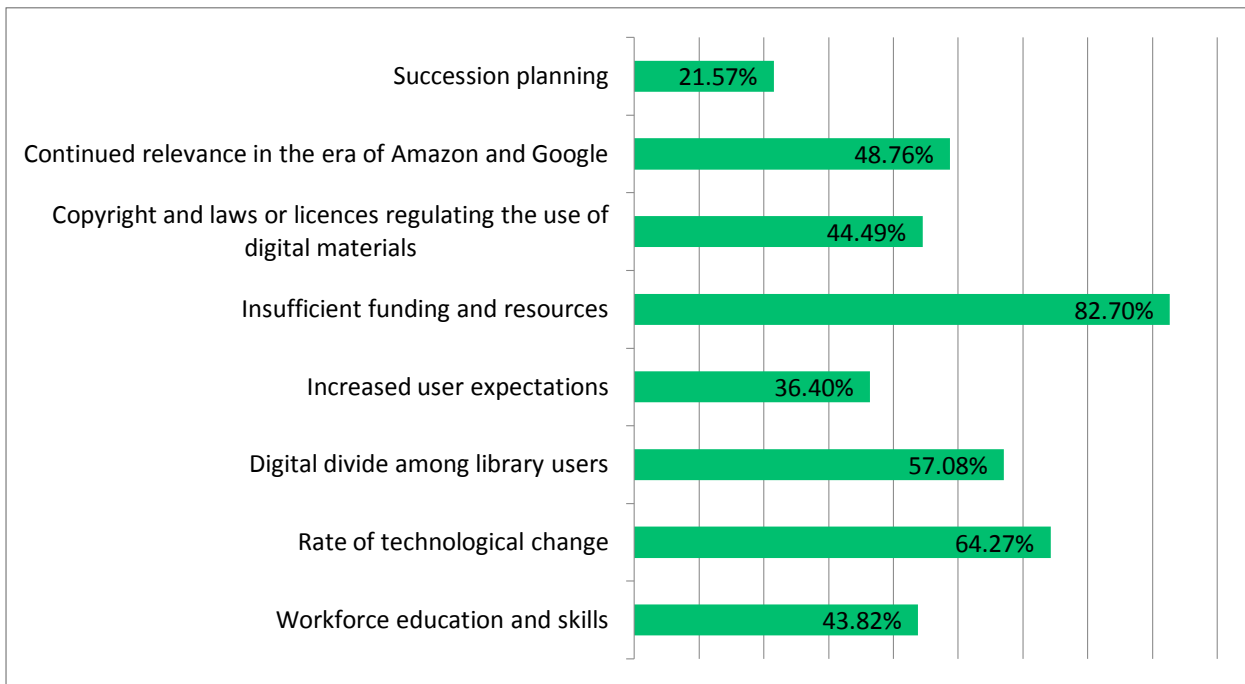


Challenges and solutions

The main challenges to society (Q8):

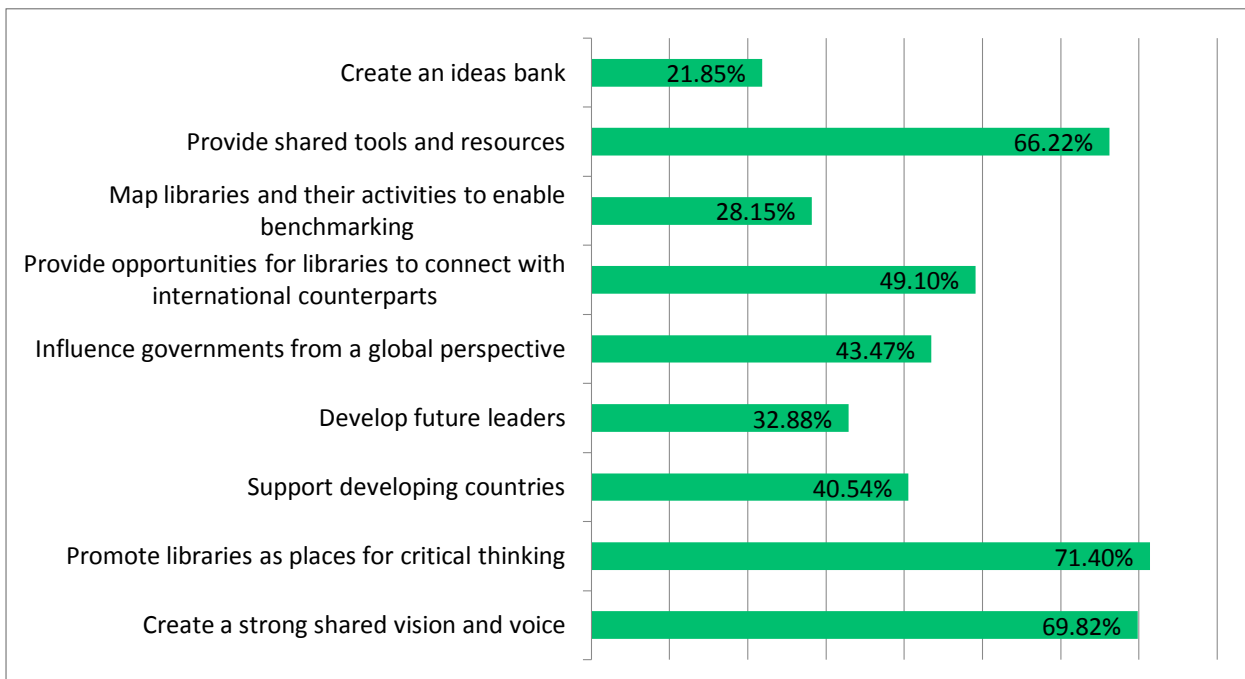


The main challenges to libraries (Q9):

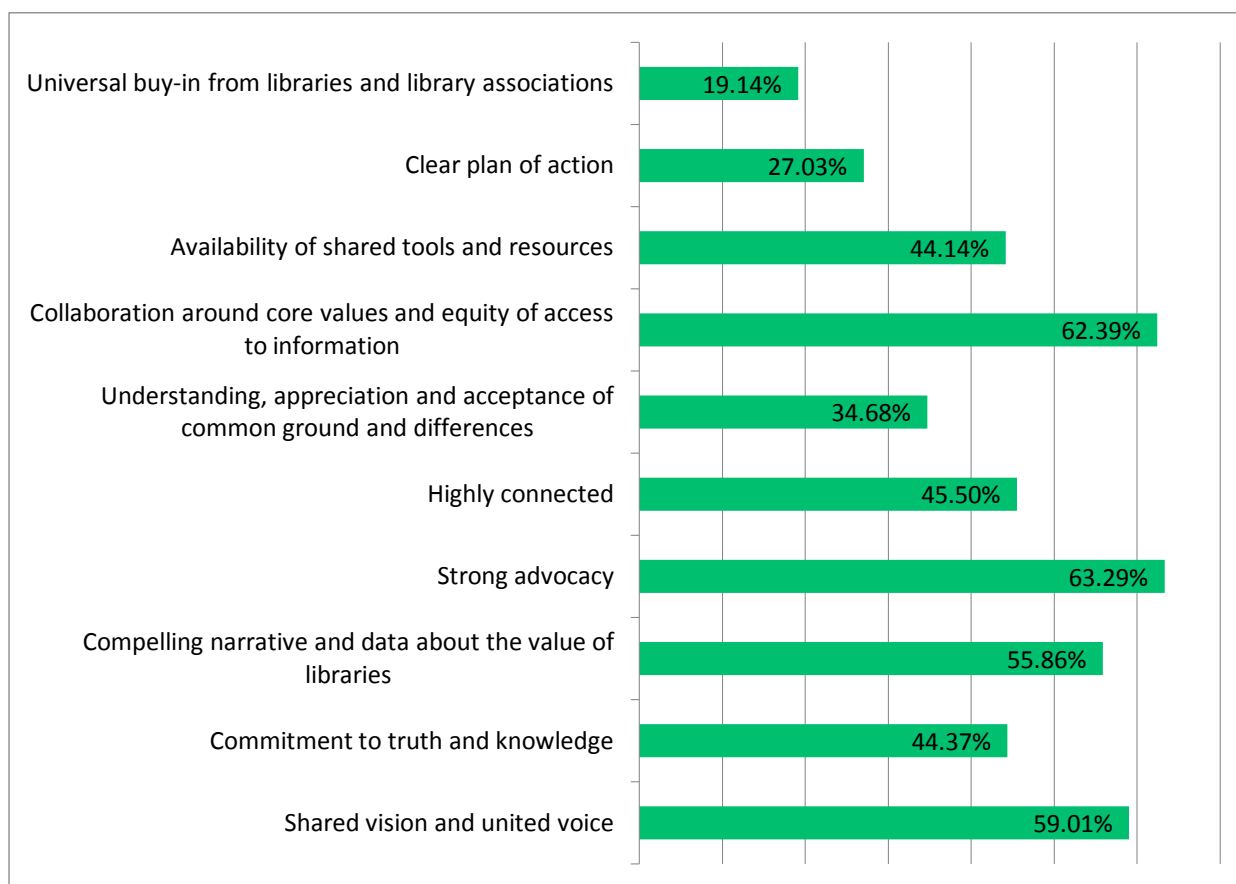


How a united library field can make a difference

How should a united library field help meet the challenges identified (Q11)?



The characteristics of a united library field (Q12):



A global conversation

This report is part of a global conversation initiated by IFLA on how a united library field can tackle the challenges of the future.

Over the course of two years (2017-2018), IFLA will involve as many librarians and others as possible in this global conversation. Participants are encouraged to continue the conversation in their own networks and organization and share the results with IFLA. At the end of 2017, the first results of all the workshops and online discussions will be turned into a *Global Vision Report*, which in turn will be adapted into concrete strategies, processes and work programmes in 2018.

To learn more about the global conversation, and download supporting materials to support your own activities, visit globalvision.ifla.org.

Stay tuned for news about the IFLA Global Vision discussion following [#iflaGlobalVision](https://twitter.com/iflaGlobalVision) and make sure to cast your vote in August when the online voting platform is available on <https://globalvision.ifla.org>.