UW Libraries Peer Comparisons

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has collected academic research library statistics annually since 1962. 98 U.S. libraries are covered, of which 68 are U.S. public institutions and we use the “top 20” public institutions as peer comparators. Our goal is to rank at the median or higher than these 20 institutions in such key areas as total library expenditures, collections expenditures, and staffing. Statistics are presented on a biennial basis which better accounts for UW spending patterns.

Total Library Expenditures
UWS and ARL Public “Top Twenty” Average and Median

[Diagram showing total library expenditures for UW and ARL public libraries from FY2008 & 09 to FY2016 & 17, with ARL Average, ARL Median, and UW expenditure lines.]
Total Collections Expenditures
UWS and ARL Public “Top Twenty” Average and Median

Total Staff FTE
UWS and ARL Public “Top Twenty” Average and Median