Rapid101: Statistics—An overview

Statistics are what makes the world go around in resource sharing and we’re proud of the statistics we’ve created for the Rapid community.

This issue of Rapid Rocks is an overview of Rapid stats. The May 1st issue will cover Summary statistics and the May 15th issue will discuss the Detail Data reports.

Stats are considered a “shared function” in Rapid. That simply means that you can click the Statistics link on the Rapid website’s left-hand toolbar under either Borrowing Actions or Lending Actions. Both links take you to the same page.

As with your basic Main Menu page you’ll see that Lending is on the left and Borrowing is on the right.

Each has two choices. There is Lending Summary and Lending Detail Data and mirroring that is Borrowing Summary and Borrowing Detail Data.

You’ll also see that this statistics page starts with July 1st, 2010. If you were a Rapid participant before July 1, 2010 and for some reason you need those earlier statistics, please contact the Rapid staff.

The Summary options are just that, and we’ll explore them in more detail in early May. In brief, Rapid’s Lending and Borrowing Summary selections let you see your site’s statistics in a snapshot. The Summary statistics give you numbers by fiscal or calendar years and you have the ability to drill down by branch all the way to a daily breakdown.

The Detail Data reports are (surprise!) much more detailed than the summary reports. Curious about the turnaround time on one specific request? Need to know how many times you requested a certain ISSN last month? The Detail Data reports have the answer. We will review the Detail Data reports in mid-May.

Have a statistics question? Now would be a great time to send it to the Rapid team at: rapidstaff@rapidill.org. We will, of course, answer you promptly and your questions will also ensure that we cover points important to you in this series of Rapid Rocks.

Help us be sure that you are getting the most from your Rapid experience!