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5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	1. Location/venue was excellent. 2. I appreciated the opportunity to network with other professionals. 3. I enjoyed the varied learning opportunities that were presented via the sessions.	1. Include more learning opportunities through field trips. 2. Have more books available for purchase at the event. 3. Nothing more--all was maika'i!	This was my first participation in a HLA conference and I was impressed with the quality of the event and how smoothly everything ran. Mahalo nui to everyone who contributed to this event!	Making quality resources available to the average teacher at a school is challenging. Many are unaware of the materials that exist and don't have access to them in their school libraries. As a result, it can be challenging to share quality resources with students.
3	3	5	3	4	3	4	5	3	5	5	Beautiful campus, networking, lunch on Friday	Signage to meeting rooms, conference hotel should not be changing owners on date of arrival, larger screens to display presentations	Hilo is a great place for the conference. Am hoping other UH campuses may be considered in future	Overwhelming volume of information available to everyone Keeping up with best professional practices while trying to do my job
5	5	5	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	1. Connecting with other professionals 2. Fantastic sessions 3. Venue	1. Decreased time between certain activities (e.g. 715 was early for shuttle, shuttle to astronomy center was too late after keynote wrap-up) 2. Clearer signage or instruction at times about big events (I missed food from networking break on day 1) 3. Poster session was quite loud and small. Format from Kahala Hotel 2014 would be fun to do again (wine/pupu/evening activity - more casual)		1. As a front-line employee, I deal with patrons with a wide array of mental issues and disabilities. It would be nice to have talks from the social work aspect...
5	4	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	Pono Shim Food More sessions native Hawai'i related	Even more native Hawai'i related sessions and presenters	Adding more inspiring native Hawai'i keynote speakers and allowing them more time to speak. Taking HLA around the Hawai'i Islands is exceptional. Pono was exceptional!	politics bureaucracy

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5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	Keynote speakers, variety of sessions, food!	longer sessions rather than short ones	I enjoyed HLA conference in Hilo and our accommodations at the Hilo Naniloa Hotel. Looking forward to next year and maybe going to Maui or Kaua'i.	N/A
4	5	5	4	3	3	5	5	3	3	3				
4	4	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4				
3	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	Hi the one problem we had was the lack of signage. There wasn't anything to guide attendees to the starting area from the parking lot (we actually went into the wrong side of campus - but that could be just us being directionally challenged). Once the conference was in process we had a hard time finding the rooms that the sessions were being held in.	1. Signage to session rooms 2. Better directions to starting location (we asked a janitor where the place was since we were on the floor above) 3. Better explanation of the sessions earlier on (choose one long or multiple short).	Please disregard my reception response since I did not attend.	Changing technology and expanding public expectation of mastery of the different platforms. Transitional staff with an older group that came in before tech became fundamental to operations and a newer group where integrating tech is a given.
3	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	4	5	5	Location Food Exhibits	More advertising Better signs		Staying up-to-date Social media
5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	The speakers were all very good. It was great to have some nationally known speakers like Marshall Breeding The opening ceremony was very special and a nice surprise. The hula brought us all together and highlighted how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful place. The food was amazing. All the different types of hummus and choices were excellent. Great time to meet up with colleagues in a relaxed and well-equipped setting.	The signs for some of the sessions was non-existent at first, but they were put up later. It was hard to find the room numbers of some of the sessions, but then they put them on the floor and at the door of each room. I had a little of a hard time finding the opening location of the conference. There were no signs at the parking lot and some of the maps were hard to read or incomplete. Thankfully, librarians are a helpful bunch and we all found it together.	I really liked the sched software and app. That made it really easy to go paperless and keep myself organized of where I was going. Thank you all to the planning and execution committees. It is a hard job to coordinate everything - especially coming from different islands - and you all did a great job.	-Staying connected to the broader issues we face as librarians and keeping up with technology -Making sure the public and legislators know how important libraries are and how we need more funding to build bigger and more modern spaces. Our facilities are lacking many comforts of those on the mainland with more plugs and more modern tech equipment.

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5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	Excellent variety of presentations Networking Pualani KanakaOle-Kanahele	1. Include Site Visits 2. Include Institutional affiliation in the schedule/program (I missed Felicia from Stanford) 3. Include Omiyage recommendation list	Congratulations, folks! Well done.	Lack of funding for professional development causes us to have gaps in our knowledge & dulls our edge.
5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	4	Lunch was fantastic. I thoroughly enjoyed every speaker. The welcoming ceremony with story, hula, and song was amazing.	Signage. Signage. And more Signage please Hold it during the holiday again so more people have the chance to attend. No number 3 - it was great!		I would like more opportunities for professional development. Technology limitations.
3	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	1. Food was consistently delicious. 2. That welcoming ceremony was just wow! 3. Two of the keynotes were excellent.	1. Better signage. It was difficult to figure out where things were. 2. Session offerings were a little underwhelming. 3. Not sure what the last keynote speaker had to with libraries or the conference theme. It was a very strange way to end the conference.		1. How to make my content accessible to people with disabilities (section 508 compliance). 2. Dealing with limited budgets when journal prices keep increasing.
4	5	5	4	4	3	5	5	4	5	4	The venue, organization and variety of this year's presentations were really wonderful.	A little more information about logistics sent out earlier would have helped. I know Hilo is a hard to find good lodging, the hotel was ok, but had some pretty strange issues. I don't think this will be a continuing issue. But lodging for lower prices or better quality for the price.	I think this committee did an outstanding job. I appreciate everything that was put together, and the hard work that clearly went into organizing all of this. As a public librarian the last few HLAs have felt more broad in scope and more inviting to professionals outside of academia, and I really like that change. Keep up the good work!	I think we don't get to network enough between disciplines and need help seeing where partnerships between types of institutions could help. Other than that, it is the usual, funding, and getting the word out that libraries of any sort are still relevant and helping spread understanding of what the philosophy of libraries really is.

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5	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	Meeting other librarians The food was excellent, though a bit fragmented (not sure where to stand, etc.) The presentations on innovative things going on in libraries around Hawaii. Great use of the website for organizing our schedules.	I would add the volunteering slots to the regular online scheduling system. Track who has already filled out evaluations for the speakers - I'm pretty sure I received emails asking me to evaluate presentations I had already evaluated. Perhaps have the coffee and tea available by the presentation rooms.	It's unfortunate that the classrooms were so lecture-focused. It would have been nice to have something more innovative (not the conference's fault, of course).	
4	2	5	5	4	3	5	5	3	5	2	1) Sched was easy to use and helpful. 2) Food--excellent variety and flavor! 3) Pono's keynote was very inspirational!	1) Signage/wayfinding: it was difficult to navigate the buildings 2) Registration online and in person was confusing 3) The posters were out of the way, I didn't have a chance to read them	1) The rooms were freezing! I skipped a session just so I could warm up. 2) The third keynote didn't tie their talk to the conference theme. 3) Conference hotel was really nice!	1) Understaffing 2) Doing more with less
5	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	4	Great speakers, fresh, healthy food, hard working volunteers and conference planners.	remind folks to bring a jacket in case there is a cold room.		time management, getting a job
5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	Workshop presentations, Keynote speakers, and networking opportunity	Can't think of any at this time.	None.	keeping current with technology and being informed of future trends within our profession
4	4	5	4	3	4	3	5	1	1	3	1) UH Hilo: very easy to get to all the panels. 2) Panels were varied in topic 3) Food! Very wonderful!	1) Have a sign to show where the "entrance" is. 2) Have a grid schedule available. 3) (Not applicable to next year) I would've really liked if there was a UH Hilo table.	I did not attend the Keynote Speakers or Imiloa. I put a "1" but actually have no opinion.	1) Unstable/disrupting patrons 2) Unprepared/unsatisfactory employees
4	5	5	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	1-Easy proximity to classrooms and parking	1- The workshops might start earlier in the day.		
4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	The diverse focus, the location, and the chance to hear professionals speak about their experiences in the field.	Please have the conference line-up published before the early bird registration deadline.	Great job!	Access and intellectual freedom.

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5	4	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	Dynamite, fresh, local food, yum! on-line schedule, calendar, speakers, etc. access to presentations on-line post conference. I could actually sit and listen instead of frantically taking notes. The Hawaiian culture aspects were very appreciated! (the welcome, food, lei presentations, chanting, speakers, topics)	Temperature control in room 112. It felt like 55 degrees in there. Improve signage, larger font, poster size directions, greeters out front to guide us, signs in the parking lot to guide us. Never having been to the campus, I was very lost and it took awhile to get my bearings. I liked the venue overall and on a holiday weekend was convenient for me.	Keep doing an excellent job. Can we continue to have an annual update on the Best and Worst of Adult Graphic Novels and Book Club recommendations? Those 2 were extremely helpful to me and the presenters were excellent. ;-)	So many new titles, what to choose if you insist on quality literature. Keeping up with technology in the library world.
4	5	5	4	4	5	4	2	5	3	4	Good presentations and excellent food	Spread out the panels on local/Hawaii focused topics so they are not on the same day.		Precocity in employment
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	Venue. Having the conference at UH Hilo was very convenient. The classrooms were conducive to learning. I thoroughly enjoyed the lunches - so local and healthy. The lunch staff also very kind and pleasant. Registration table and staff very helpful. Enjoyed the venue of the dining hall to network. Also having exhibits in the same location as the networking made everything convenient.	Go to another island like Kauai.	Appreciate Jean and the other leaders of the planning committee for their diligent work and coordination.	Getting school, academic, and public librarians to do more surveys and focus groups among their community residents and public to know what communities are thinking and desiring to have in their libraries. This will help libraries to become more open to change and meet community interests.
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	5	Pono Shim's keynote address was worth the price of admission. The sessions were interesting. The venue was excellent. The welcoming ceremony was moving. I enjoyed talking with and learning from colleagues from other (and other kinds) of libraries. The Sched application is brilliant!	I wish more presenters had made their materials available for download. I would really have liked yogurt and fruit during the check-in session. Please issue Time Turner devices to participants who wish to attend more than one session at a time.	The conference gave all appearances of going off without a hitch, which certainly means it benefited from careful planning, teamwork, and effort. Well done.	1. Convincing our funding sources of the value of librarians and libraries. 2. Countering a growing culture of anti-intellectualism.

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4	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	3	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - collaborative energy and opportunities to connect with librarians at other institutions across the state - well organized; important information was effectively communicated. - sessions I attended were intellectually engaging. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start sessions a little later in the day (9:30 or 10:00am) - Just two keynotes, possible fewer concurrent sessions - Include more opportunities for informal conversations around specific topics of interest. For example by having an "unconference" session or having people to sign up for "birds of a feather" lunch discussions around topics of interest (e.g. library instruction) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - diversity, equity, and inclusion - unsustainable hiring and employment practices
4	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	<p>Left with a few practical and doable ideas for my school library ; was able to connect and network with other private k-12 school librarians ; understood more fully the pedagogy of library instruction to encourage deeper and critical thinking in students.</p>	<p>More sessions geared towards school librarianship ; there were a few sessions that I was interested in attending held concurrently ; Classroom seats were somewhat difficult to get in and out of, and felt cramped, tho' I'm not sure how that could have been fixed.</p>	<p>I enjoyed attending the conference and found my takeaways from the sessions very valuable ; Meals and snacks were delicious and plentiful. Thank you! ; Maybe a better layout/system for food tables during lunch would make lines/access flow smoothly and quickly ; perhaps categorize sessions (eg, academic, public, special, etc.) and offer them via tracks similar to SOTF.</p>	<p>Promoting recreational reading to faculty as a tool for richer student learning experiences in the classroom ; What I can do to improve library instruction to promote critical thinking and deeper learning for students.</p>
4	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	3	3	5	<p>The food was excellent. Many informative sessions. Greatly appreciated the online registration, scheduling, etc.</p>	<p>Signage indicating where to line up for food. I liked the 20-minute sessions but would have also liked to be able to attend some of the 80-minute sessions. Would have preferred evening reception at the hotel or within walking distance of the hotel,</p>		

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4	4	5	4	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	<p>Where to begin? You folks did a great job on many elements of the conference!</p> <p>1. Location. Having the conference at UH Hilo was a good idea. The setting helped to sort of reinforce the point of our role as teachers and information providers. Everything was in relatively close proximity, which made it easy to get around the conference. And having the Dining Commons as a sort of "home base" for morning refreshments, lunches, and networking breaks helped with networking, communicating, and conversing to a degree I've not experienced from previous conferences.</p> <p>2. Hotel / Transportation. The shuttle was very helpful and convenient, thank you for thinking of that! Both the hotel and the shuttle helped with even more networking/communication and a sense of togetherness, as many of us would see each other and have a chance to converse in the mornings heading to the conference, going back to the hotel in the afternoon/evening, and seeing each other around the hotel itself.</p> <p>3. Food. You folks did an excellent job with the food throughout the conference, meals and refreshments alike!</p>	<p>1. Scheduling. The options of one long or several short sessions in the mornings caused some issues. I had put together a list of sessions I was interested in attending when the initial schedule first came out (before the long and short session path options were decided upon), and I wasn't aware until shortly before the conference that the two options had been put in place and sessions moved around.</p> <p>As a result, I encountered some conflicts with my sessions. There was a morning session I was very interested in attending the first day, but I had to leave partway through it because I had to introduce the speaker at one of the short sessions taking place at the same time.</p> <p>2. Signage. It was difficult to find one's way around in the beginning. There wasn't any clear signage or personnel directing attendees at first, and while we had a map of conference rooms themselves, it would have helped if the map had been expanded to show where the conference rooms were in relation to buildings or things around them. Even a key pointing the direction of the ocean, or Mauna Kea would have been a big help for orienting oneself.</p> <p>3. Temperature. You've probably heard this a lot (and might not have any control over it) but many of those rooms the sessions were held in were really cold!</p>	<p>Nothing I can think of that hasn't already been covered above. Thanks for another great conference! I really appreciate all the work you folks put in for all our benefit!</p>	<p>1. Budget - having nearly no money on hand to do anything but the normal day to day operations, and it's effect on resource development, facility upkeep, and staff morale.</p> <p>2. Facilities - we're preparing to close one of our branches sometime in the next few years, and are trying to figure out how we are going to move its collections, and if they can even be retained due to lack of available space in our other branches.</p>

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4	5	4	4	4	3	5	4	4	2	4	Venue was wonderful. UH Hilo would definitely be my top venue. Open topics for panels. This gave everyone a chance to see something different that can pique their interests outside the usual material. Early Bird registration option was a huge plus.	Space out the panels and give more time for panels. Oxymoronic, I know. Encourage more school librarians and public librarians to host panels or get more involved with HLA. Host venue at UH Campuses rather than hotel venues.	Thank you to the volunteers! It's difficult enough to gather volunteers and fly over but I want to express my gratitude for your hard work ethic. Mahalo!	Professional development for librarians who are the only librarians in their library. This includes processing materials, cataloging, programming. Space issues with physical library structures. Patrons are treating us more like community centers, computer labs, and study halls in tandem with the quiet area and books that libraries are known for. But because we're making space for computers, meeting rooms for outside use, it interferes with our collections.
3	5	5	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	4				
4	2	5	3	4	4	3	5	4	5	4	The food was excellent. The observatory program was great. The Hawaiian students keynote opening program was awesome.	If you designate a hotel as a conference hotel, you should have conference activities there. Otherwise, we could have stayed at any hotel that might have been cheaper or better run. The designated conference hotel was expensive and a disaster. Early signage was needed at all the program rooms and on campus to indicate where the classrooms for the workshops were. Labeled maps on how to get there would have been useful. A listing of the workshops in each classroom would have helped. We finally got that later in the day.	More time for networking and seeing the exhibitors. Don't start a conference at 7:30am. We had to come the day before just to make the early conference start. Be mindful of neighbor island participants and airplane schedules.	Rapidly changing technology print vs ebooks

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4	5	5	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	Great sessions and great opportunity to network and meet & greet with most of the conference attendees. The conference hotel was outstanding and the pace was ideal.	Just 1 thing: As a vendor - I was very disappointed that there were 5 other sessions planned during the Vendor presentations. The vendor presentations were not promoted and yet we paid to have the time to present. As a result, I know that at least 2 of the 3 vendor sessions were very poorly attended. (2-3 people in the audience) It was very disappointing and will factor into the decision to present again in future HLAs.		
5	5	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	4	5	Being able to network with colleagues at other institutions and hearing about the wonderful things they are doing. The variety of topics Keynote speakers provided some profound thoughts which we could apply to our work and daily living.		As with most conferences, there were many sessions that I wished I could have attended. It is great that people have posted their presentations because that would allow people to see what was covered in those sessions that they could not attend. Thank you to all who worked so hard to put this great conference together! Your hard work is very much appreciated!	Keeping current with latest technologies Methods of teaching/reaching library users
5	5	5	5	5	3	3	5	3	5	5	planners participants friday holiday allowed more people to come	not easy to come up with these... more break out, social sessions vary food selection	awesome production from all	job stability upward professional growth
4	5	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	2	5				
5	5	5	4	3	5	5	5	4	4	5	Networking, food, and variety of sessions		Mahalo for allowing for the chance to present, network, and enjoy the beautiful Big Island of Hawai'i. Each conference I am so happy to be part of HLA- what a great group!	1. Poor or no information literacy training in general population 2. Quickly changing patron wants/needs

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4	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	<p>1) Location - loved the opening ceremony and the venue overall. Everything seemed to fit perfectly from the exhibit area to session rooms to snacks and lunches.</p> <p>2) Reception at 'Imiloa - loved having an evening reception for informal conversation and the venue and food was terrific</p> <p>3) Seeing and meeting librarians from around the state + meeting and talking with the Karen Peacock Scholarship recipient (great opportunity to learn from our colleagues in other areas of the Pacific!)</p>	<p>1) More time to network and check out the exhibitors and silent auction. The opening ceremony should've been accounted for in the program so that we could've had the networking time on the first day.</p> <p>2) The Keynote speakers - for someone that was brought in for this, the keynote didn't really share any new/noteworthy trends that wasn't, for the most part, common knowledge. Ranked 'Keynotes' as a 4 above because I liked Pua Kanakaole's presentation so much.</p> <p>3) Less sessions happening at once - there was often so many sessions happening that it was difficult to choose (which should be a good problem but wasn't really). Also, there were some great sessions that only had a handful of people in attendance and I think it's because there were so many happening at the same time.</p>	<p>I'd like to recommend that we include a cultural opening and closing or SOME type of Hawaiian cultural protocol in ALL conferences. I really appreciate the opportunity to learn more about Hawaiian culture, resources, and communities through various sessions this year - perhaps we could make this a conference session thread/theme that we strive to acquire sessions for every year. It's just an idea but how about we add the option of visiting a cultural site or local library/archive wherever the conference is being held? It seemed like people were skipping out on lunch or sessions to be able to see the sites -- which I can understand since we're only there for the weekend. What if we designated a time for that and we all (or groups of us) went to experience the place/library/archive/museum together?</p>	<p>- Keeping up with current trends (at our local libraries and internationally) and at the same time being able to implement them in a budget-friendly way - Providing services to distance education students and finding ways to provide library services/resources digitally (which I think would benefit all students)</p>

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5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	3	5	<p>I have to say the lunch was phenomenal; best lunches I've ever had at any conference local or international. I liked the key note speakers (well two of them) kept us grounded in Hawaii. People may not be from Hawaii or interested in Hawaiian issues but if you are living and working in Hawaii and you are not interested and don't know anything [and not trying to know] you are doing a disservice to your patrons; even if you are not in a Pacific or Hawaiian collection local issues and Hawaiian Issues are going to come up. The break out session were awesome gave attendees a great way to network and rest for the next session. I know it's four things but the opening was also amazing. The conference committee did an excellent job on the whole program I loved it!!!</p>	<p>-First thing as I've said above having Hawaiians or Hawaiian issues as the keynotes and at the forefront is very important; as I've said above and for reasons I've said above. One thing I noticed is that all the local, Hawaiian, and Pacific issues and keynote speakers were on the second day which made so many people were checked out the second day and did not attend. I think it would have been more useful to mix and match everything. So that an attendee could go to for example a more broader issue and then on the same day and not have everything on the second day. I also feels like that normalizes things and makes things be put on an equal level. Having everything local/Hawaiian on the second day and having other issues on the first day can seem like you are p referencing non local/Hawaiian issues over local Hawaiian issues. -I wish the key notes would have had more time maybe even an extra ten minutes would have been nice to ask questions. -I didn't like how 'imi loa was so one sided. This is a contested issue and if we were going to 'imi loa I wish they could have provided the other side/argument of Mauna Kea or we could have had space to discuss that at the conference I feel like it was disingenuous not to,</p>	<p>See comments above. But I wanted to say that being said the conference was fabulous. The food was good and the company was better. It was great being in Hilo. The speakers were great the committee did an excellent job!! I have to say kudos to everyone!!!</p>	<p>-Archiving and library issues non-Western European and American libraries and archives face. (So that would be issues that Indigenous and/or Eastern European institutions and professionals face). -Technology keeping up with it and accessing it, if it really does what it's supposed to do better.</p>
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	<p>Networking time, Delicious healthy food, Location</p>	<p>Well done!</p>		

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4	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	3	4	Diversity of panels. Food/Venue was amazing. Was able to network with people I haven't met before.	Possible to have streaming of the panels available and saved for later? Would be good for those who are presenting their own panels or attending others that they are unable to attend. More time for panels.	I really like having it at the University over hotels from past conferences. The atmosphere felt pleasant and gave a more "grounded" sense. Hotel venue seem very high-class but uncomfortable.	Finding a job. Professional development for librarians, particularly public and single librarians (librarians who are the only one in their library).
4	5	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	3	4				
4	4	3	4	2	4	5	3	3	3	5	Performance outside before Keynote on 1st day was amazing. It was in a central location. Well planned, the lady who introduced me (Felicia Smith) helped me with my Audio problem and was incredibly friendly.	Provide lunch menus ahead of time. Please add signage so people know where to go, even a Sandwich Board. That was really frustrating.		Salary and technological support
5	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	1) The welcoming ceremony on the first day 2) Keynote address by Pono Shim, something we needed to hear after the election 3) Excellent food provided - healthy, great variety for both vegetarians and non-vegetarians,	1) For those people who did not take the shuttle bus from the hotel it was difficult locating the building and parking lot. 2) The seating in the rooms was not always conducive for group discussions	I enjoyed the program at the Astronomy Center. That was wonderful. I hope the new telescope is built on Mauna Kea so that the legacy of the pioneers of astronomy in Hawaii will continue.	Keeping up with the newest technology.
4	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	4	4	5	mobile app for schedule; networking times were great; the venue was perfect with the classroom/workshop areas close to each other. Glad the conference was held on a long weekend so I didn't have to figure out how to cover staffing at my branch library	would have liked to be able to see a description of the workshops earlier so I could decide on whether or not I was going to attend		Having enough time to pursue some of the exciting ideas I got enthusiastic about during the conference.
5	5	5	4	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	The chance to meet amazing people; the really fascinating array of talks; and the food.	Maybe more signage on the conference venue, or larger signs, so it's a little easier to find the various rooms?	This was incredibly well done. It was my very first professional conference and I think I have now been spoiled for all others.	Getting people into the library to ask the questions, especially young adults; and ensuring that the library system as a whole keeps up with technology trends so as not to be considered obsolete.

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5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	The keynotes and the food.	Better time planning for the morning keynotes as they went into the networking breaks.		
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5				
5	5	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	Sodexo did an outstanding job in providing the healthy refreshments and innovative & attractive lunch and boxed lunch offerings. Keynote speaker Pono Shim delivered an inspiring and motivational message in his presentation. Venue for the workshops and poster session was convenient (UCB building)	Silent Auction - Need to refer to the online submission forms and match up the items to find out the actual value in order to determine starting bid, etc. More interaction and freebies from vendors Less workshops so less overlap	The 2016 HLA Conference in Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii was fabulous in every way...Hana Hou!!	lack of full staffing
5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5				
4	4	5	3	3	5	5	5	4	5	5				
4	4	5	4	3	3	2	4	5	4	4	The presentation, food, and welcome performance on Friday morning.	I really only have one item: The shuttle schedule needs to be easier to find online. I missed the shuttle on Friday because I wasn't sure when it was supposed to leave, and didn't find out the schedule for any other shuttles until I received my program at the conference.		
5	4	5	4	4	3	5	5	4	3	5	Variety of choices for sessions.	NA		Reader engagement Budget
3	5	5	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	Some sessions were really great, even more so than the keynotes. Food, was amazing.	More time between sessions and less conflict between sessions. The tour should not be scheduled against other sessions if in a new place like that which many attendees may not know.		
4	5	5	3	3	3	4	5	4	3	5				

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4	4	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	5	1. Utilizing technology: Sched is great! 2. The diverse program (a very good "problem" to have!) 3. Excellent Keynote Speakers -- diversity is good.	1. Have the hotel accommodations and the conference at the same location. 2. Hold it in October (but only because November and December are very busy times of the year for me) 3. Can't think of anything else at this time. Thank you!	Thank you to all of you who was part of the Conference Committee. I know how difficult it is to produce a successful conference .Kudos to all for a great job!	1. Librarians who do not understand the complexity of information technology utilized in libraries and I have to explain and teach them how to use/edit it, and 2. Librarians who refuse to learn new IT skills that are now part of their job -- they didn't learn it in Library School because they graduated w/their MLIS in the last century, or they are technically challenged, or they refuse to learn because they can get someone else to do their work for them.
4	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	1. UH Hilo is a great venue (plus free parking!) 2. The online schedule format was a cool way to go green while also being convenient 3. Fun and interesting sessions	1. Very obvious signage (I get lost easily) :) 2. Optional field trips off-site to local libraries or archives 3. Maybe recruiting students as volunteers (i.e. in exchange for attending the conference)	Thank you for organizing a great conference! I also appreciated the discount registration pricing. :)	1. Emphasizing information literacy instruction and the importance of the teaching role of librarians 2. The impact of information technology on library services
5	5	5	3	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	Lunch Workshops Networking		I enjoyed myself.	Job market. Networking with the right people
5	5	5	5	3	3	5	3	4	3	5	Sessions, networking, vendor displays	More tech support		Evidence-based librarianship which demonstrates effectiveness and value of libraries and librarians to decision-makers. Managing e-resources with staffing and workflows built for print.
4	5	5	4	4	3	3	4	3	5	3				
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5				
5	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	5	5	Venue - UH Hilo and presentation accommodations; poster sessions; informative workshops	There seemed to be very little interest in the silent auction; not many attendees bidding. (I'm not sure how this could be done better next year)	Thank you to the conference planning committee...great job!	Funding and how to get grants

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4	5	3	4	4	3	5	4	2	3	5	Opening ceremony, laid back feel, on a 3 day weekend that made it possible for me to attend. Most times when it falls on a work day I cannot leave my library.	Spell check titles or insure that the presentation titles are correct, better descriptions of presentations (I went to a few presentations that were not what the description described), better map of where the conference location was on the map provided. I got lost and walked around the campus trying to find the registration area and after that I got lost trying to find the presentation rooms. While I was wandering I encountered multiple sets of people also lost. But it was all good, it was kind of like an adventure =D	Overall, great job. I had a lot of fun! I guiltily admit that sometimes the most fun part is meeting new people and just socializing with people you rarely see.	disconnection and balancing demanding needs of my library.
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	3	5	Excellent presentations, great food, and I loved the keynote by Pono Shim.	I introduced a session on Saturday and the 3 lei for the speakers were not in the room. I was able to use one of my own, and found two others willing to donate their lei. Perhaps that could be better coordinated next year. I like the pupu hour in the evening, but after a long day at the conference, I think it would be better not to have a set program (i.e. planetarium show).	Great job! Overall, it was an excellent conference. Mahalo nui for all of your hard work.	
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	The main speakers were great. I appreciated their insights. I appreciated the time to network with peers and to visit the vendor and to get a snack break between sessions.. The food was excellent and the variety was great.	More workshops for the school librarians. I would have liked to tour the Hawaiian language center since I have heard so much about it and I was there on campus.	Mahalo,. I appreciated al the work that went into making this a great conference.	How to best utilize our resources to maintain maximum service to our patron with the monies we have to work with. To keep our libraries open and to let our administrators know what an important service we provide to the educational system. (One of our libraries was closed, when the librarian retired. Administrative decision.)

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5	5	5	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	5	<p>1. Being able to talk with colleagues you don't see on a regular basis, as well as meeting new colleagues</p> <p>2. Opening oli / hula presentation from the UH-Hilo students</p> <p>3. Organization / structure of the conference -- it was really easy to understand the format, layout, and schedule, and it was just as easy to move around to the different conference locations</p>	<p>1. Longer lunch break</p> <p>2. Possibly less sessions. There might have been 5 to 10 too many. It also felt like the days were very long.</p> <p>3. Better promotion of individual sessions, or perhaps more information regarding the session topics. (I don't know if this is possible, or how it would be accomplished.)</p>	<p>WONDERFUL conference! Can't say enough how great of a time I had. I learned so much and was incredibly inspired!</p>	<p>1. Advancing Hawaiian librarianship</p> <p>2. Technological / digital competency</p>
5	5	4	5	5	5	4	1	4	5	5	<p>Meeting with fellow librarians, learning what exciting things are happening at other libraries, seeing UH Hilo's campus.</p>	<p>1) Speakers often went over time. 2) Maybe not the best idea to have the lunch area in such a small space (overcrowding and the lines were confusing). 3) Better directions and signs (I had no idea where to park on campus and no one was on campus to ask because of the holiday).</p>	<p>Although I only attended Friday's sessions, I really enjoyed the conference. The sessions were very informative. Thank you!</p>	<p>Justifying expenditures and academic assessment.</p>
3	1	5	3	3	4	3	5	2	4	3	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Networking opportunities</p> <p>Food</p>	<p>Signage! There was no signage anywhere. It was very difficult to find sessions.</p> <p>Better vendor representation</p> <p>Keynote Speaker-Please find someone who is more dynamic.</p>		
5	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	4	3	4	<p>Pono shim</p> <p>Breakouts</p> <p>Lunch</p>	<p>Imi Loa too controversial</p> <p>Try to be more sensitive to cultural issues</p>	<p>Best conference in years</p>	<p>Transitioning to makeries</p>
4	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	1	3	3	<p>The scheduling app was brilliant. Nice to have the conference on the Big Island.</p>		<p>Think about rotating the conference through all the islands.</p>	

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5	5	5	4	3	3	4	5	4	3	5	1. The food was excellent. 2. Networking breaks provided time to connect with others and to share ideas. Individual sessions. I attended 3 sessions (e-books, Kalaupapa, and Hanohano 'o Oahu) and they were all well-worth attending.	More programs for school librarians. Even the first keynote speaker Marshall Breeding spoke only of university and public libraries.	I was only able to attend one day but it was well worth it-- even though I am retired and will not be applying what I learned today,	Several schools are phasing out school librarians and replacing them with tech people. It's happened in the school system of which I was a part.
4	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	Connecting with colleagues. Session variety. Lunch.	Shuttle timing, or having more than one shuttle run going in a loop. If we require guests to leave the hotel at 7:15, then wait until 8:30 for the 1st session, there should be more breakfast options. Maybe hard boiled eggs or fruit. Sweet bread and coffee was not filling.		
4	4	5	5	5	3	4	5	3	5	5	Networking. New information shared. New site for the conference. Good job! UH Hilo was great!	The interface of the conference website could be a little cleaner. Better signage for rooms to find talks. Asking for volunteer help prior to the conference.	Great job everyone! It was a very sweet and wonderful get together.	Less circulation. Accessing trainings about trending library ideas.
4	5	4	5	4	4	4	5	3	5	4	Food - quality was excellent. Actually getting to experience a library during a library conference!	Not enough time for lunch - it's also a networking opportunity.		Not enough money. Not enough understanding of value of librarians as professionals whose voices should be seriously considered.

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5	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	4	Food was EXCELLENT. Lunches were fabulous. Snacks were great. I gained 2 pounds. Lots of good workshops and speakers. I got a lot of good ideas. 'Was refreshed and inspired. Meeting old friends and making new ones. Time to talk was very necessary and very much appreciated.	Signage is needed. I wasn't sure I was in the right place on the first day. Also had a hard time finding the classrooms. Greeters or people to welcome and help direct on the first day would be helpful. A large map of the area would have been helpful.	Kudos to the planning committee for all the hard work. It paid off big time. I really enjoyed this conference. It was wonderful.	Having enough time and energy to do my duties and do new projects. Bureaucracy.
5	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	4	5	4	Food, networking, and Hawaiian chant/kahiko		Pono shim was amazing.	Keeping our jobs and being relevant.
5	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	3	5	5	Lots of time for networking Great food! Really appreciate the inclusion of more sessions featuring a Native Hawaiian perspective	End the silent auction earlier to accommodate people who have to leave before the closing session I wish there had been more posters (not really something you can control)	It was one of the best conferences out of the 15+ I have attended!	Succession planning Keeping skills up to date
5	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	4	5	Pono Shim That AMAZING lunch!! Welcoming ceremony	Directional signage Hotel problems	Super glad it was UH Hilo and not a fancy resort. Much more accessible and grounded.	Sustainability Reaching the whole community we serve
4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	Session by Stacy Aldrich & Jarrid Keller Session by Daniela Dutra-Elliott & Natalie Wahl The Food! (also, the Kipaepae was really nice)	Signage		Making a living wage (I'm a paraprofessional).
5	5	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	3	The keynote speakers, sessions by community groups. The special opening ceremony that set the tone for the two days so well.	More sessions for public and/or school librarians		
5	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	Location, cost, food	Time management, larger space for vendors and auction, possibility of attendees by remote	This was a great conference!	Training on demand, cost of attending conferences on the mainland

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4	4	5	5	5	3	5	5	4	5	1	2/3 keynote speakers tied in really well with the theme and the profession. The third would be better suited for a separate session. The food was outstanding. The oil was beautiful.	Better directional signage. More organization for stations/setup. Reworking the online payments/registration. It was very confusing if you had someone or an organization pay for you.	Less fruit flies.	Finding a permanent job.
4	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	Food was excellent; though there could have been less of it at breaks. Hotel has good. Location was good; it was nice to see a different UH campus	1. Keynote speakers brought it from outside the library profession should be better prepped to address library issues in some way, either with additional preparation/topic vetting or a librarian interpreter who is more explicit about how topic relates to libraries. 2. The method used for short sessions was confusing and did not maximize time. Short sessions could be grouped together as 25-minute sessions with other session on similar topics, with the setup for all 2-3 sessions in group before the session starts, instead of separate 20-minute sessions with 10-minute breaks; this is what most academic conferences do, so there is no need to re-invent the wheel. 3. For such a small conference, there was a lot of simultaneous sessions. I think it would have been better to have fewer, higher-quality sessions that more people could attend.	Not all of the questions in this survey should be required, as some people may not have attended everything (perhaps adding a "n/a" option would be sufficient).	Figuring out what really needs to be collected for the future, or what can simply be licensed, accessed through consortia, etc. Rising cost of licensing items vs. shrinking of library budgets.

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4	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	Networking, and the presentations that had practical advice we could take with us back to our libraries. :)	It was a little confusing figuring out where to go on the first day, but after we got the lay of the land it was easy to navigate. So, maybe better maps/signage at the outset? And perhaps a greeter when we arrive? It wasn't immediately obvious that there was a conference/where to go to find it.	This was my first such conference, and I really enjoyed it. Thanks so much for all the hard work that went into putting it on! I'm excited to be a member of HLA now. :)	That's an excellent question - I'd say countering misinformation/the assumption that everything one reads on the Internet is true would be a biggie. I also have a lot of trouble with juggling time management and my various responsibilities - collection management, programming, management of facilities and personnel, navigating the system's policies and procedures, reading (!!!!), keeping abreast of changes in the profession and technology in general, and of course (and most importantly) serving patrons directly with whatever they might need.

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4	4	5	4	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	1. networking opportunities 2. Opening Hawaiian ceremony 3. Marshall Breeding (keynote #1) 4. Imiloa Astronomy Center Reception	1. Signage and directions (short beginning tour to show classrooms and keynote speaker rooms and main meeting room & assign a greeter) 2. keynote speakers need to pertain more to library and information science (I was very disappointed with the final speaker and although the 2nd proved to be very inspirational, I do wish it was more LIS oriented). 3. More teaching & learning experiences/sessions 4. Better technology setups for classroom and keynote speaker auditorium (especially for the presenters that weren't physically there). For one session, the speaker presented over an iphone on speakerphone. 5. Conference was also very exhibitor/sponsor and sales heavy in sessions. Wanted overall more library influenced sessions.		1. Value of the library to faculty/curriculum, campus, community 2. Access
4	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	4	4	5	Networking opportunities; Location/Food & Service/ Welcome ceremony; Educational panels	More formal closing ceremony/speech; Reminders about silent auction;	The conference was very well organized. The programs were informative and the geographical set up was also well done. Mahalo for providing a space for us all to grow professionally.	

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5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	<p>Chance to get together and share with colleagues.</p> <p>Great keynote speakers.</p> <p>Good variety of programs and topics.</p>	<p>Maybe a little longer for lunch -- we all hit the line at roughly the same time, and those at the back didn't have much time to eat before the next session.</p> <p>Having the conference activities separate from the hotel made it a little challenging. It worked out okay -- the food and facilities at UHH made up for it. But generally speaking, it would have been even easier without having to deal with the time and logistics of transportation.</p> <p>Bigger font on the name tags.</p>	<p>Doing it over the holiday weekend allowed more of us to attend.</p> <p>Having the variety of session lengths was good.</p> <p>The food was great.</p>	<p>The perception by funding authorities that because of information technology, we need less money and staffing to serve our patrons, if we're even needed.</p> <p>The competition between vendors affects access to content and metadata and the effectiveness of research tools (e.g., ProQuest vs EBSCO).</p>

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4	4	5	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	4	<p>1. Venue—it was nice to be on a campus where we could visit the library, learn more about another part of the state education system, etc.</p> <p>2. Lots of great session options to choose from. I never found a time slot when there was nothing I was interested in.</p> <p>3. Not the most important thing by any means, but the food was great!</p>	<p>1. I found the multi-track setup for sessions of different lengths to be confusing. I like the option of shorter talks, but I'd suggest grouping two or three together into a single session on a shared theme to keep the program and schedule simpler.</p> <p>2. I know it's impossible to allow adequate time for everything when so much is going on, but I found myself wishing for the sessions, passing periods, and breaks to be a little longer. I just felt rushed the whole time.</p> <p>3. I'd love to see even more variety in sessions: more presenters from school and public libraries, more participant-led/discussion-based sessions and hands-on workshops, etc. I realize the content is a reflection of the HLA membership and what they propose, so there's no easy fix on the conference-planning side, but I wonder if the HLA board and the conference chair could make some efforts in the next year to encourage the development of other types of presentations and reach out more explicitly to different types of library professionals.</p>		<p>1. Managing the cost of producing and acquiring resources in a scholarly system under pressure. Whether to prioritize services versus collections, and what that means for the role and operations of an academic library.</p> <p>2. Translating relationships, knowledge, and experience from a Hawai'i context to another setting and vice versa. I'm a little torn on this, because the Hawai'i-focused aspects of the conference were engaging and important, but I also think it's important to overcome the effects of geographical isolation and stay connected with the profession more broadly (plus many of us will not spend our whole careers here).</p>