

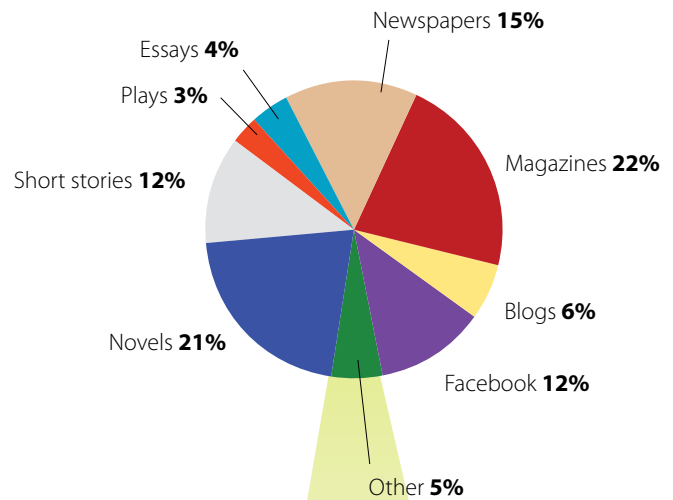
Survey of Reading Practices, Part 2:

Summaries

This survey is part of a research study on reading practices conducted by Dr. Patricia Demers (patricia.demers@ualberta.ca) of the Department of English and Film Studies at the University of Alberta.

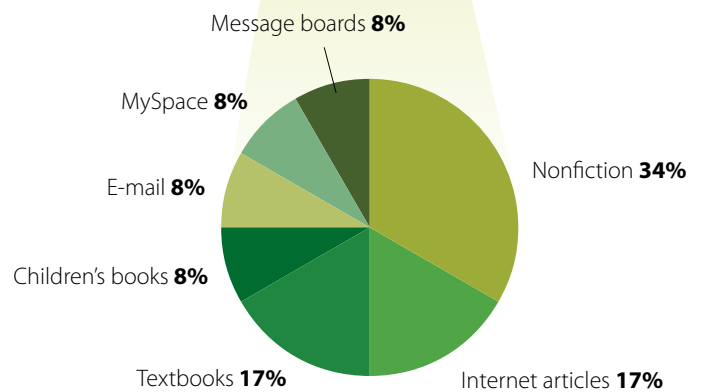
1 "What kinds of writing do you like to read? (Novels, Short stories, Plays, Essays, Newspapers, Magazines, Blogs, Facebook). Please select all that apply."

Novels: 21%
Short stories: 12%
Plays: 3%
Essays: 4%
Newspapers: 15%
Magazines: 22%
Blogs: 6%
Facebook: 12%
Other: 5%

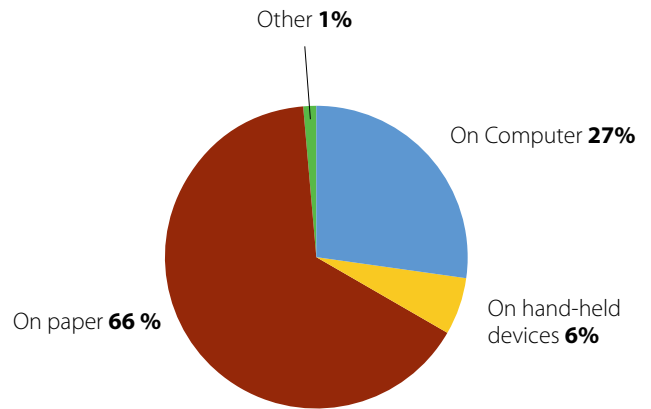


Of the 12 respondents who answered in the "Other" Category:

Nonfiction: 4 out of 12 respondents
Internet Articles: 2 out of 12 respondents
Textbooks: 2 out of 12 respondents
Children's Books: 1 out of 12 respondents
E-mail: 1 out of 12 respondents
My Space: 1 out of 12 respondents
Message Boards: 1 out of 12 respondents



2 "How do you like to read? Please select all that apply. (On the computer, On hand-held devices, On paper, Other)"



3 "Do you care if your reading material is Canadian (either by a Canadian writer or with a Canadian location)?"



A representative sample of the "Comments" section:

It's interesting to find out if [the reading material is Canadian], but this does not influence what I read.

I admire Canadian writers but will read [texts written] by anyone.

I care to a certain extent. I care about the context in which the texts [I read] were produced.

4 "If you do care, what kinds of writing appeal to you?"

5 out of the 11 respondents indicated that they read **Non-fiction** (memoir, environmental, inspirational, etc)

4 out of the 11 respondents indicated that they read **Fiction**

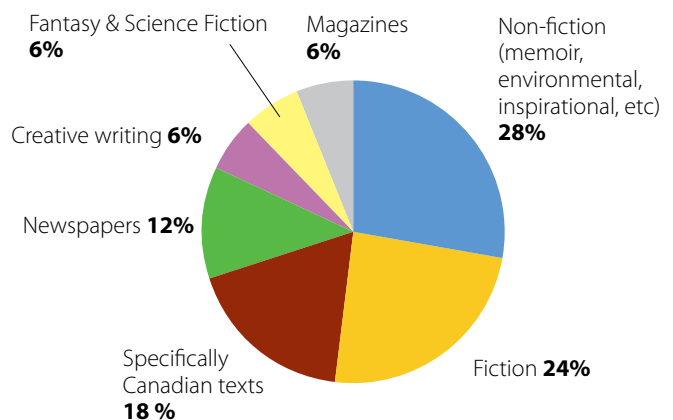
3 out of the 11 respondents indicated that they read **Specifically Canadian Texts**

2 out of the 11 respondents read **Newspapers**

1 out of the 11 respondents indicated that he/she reads **Creative Writing**

1 out of the 11 respondents indicated that he/she reads **Fantasy & Science Fiction**

1 out of the 11 respondents reads **Magazines**



5 "If you do not care, is there a reason why?"
Of the 40 respondents who gave a reason:

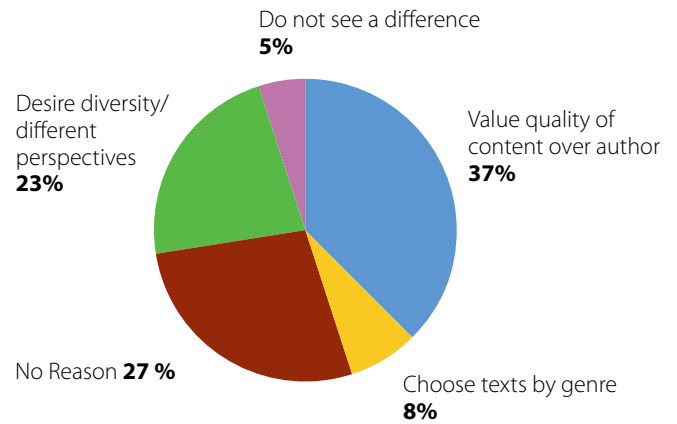
15 respondents indicated that they value quality of content over author

11 respondents indicated that they have no reason

9 respondents indicated a desire to be exposed to diversity/different perspectives

3 respondents indicated that they choose texts by genre

2 respondents indicated that they do not see a difference



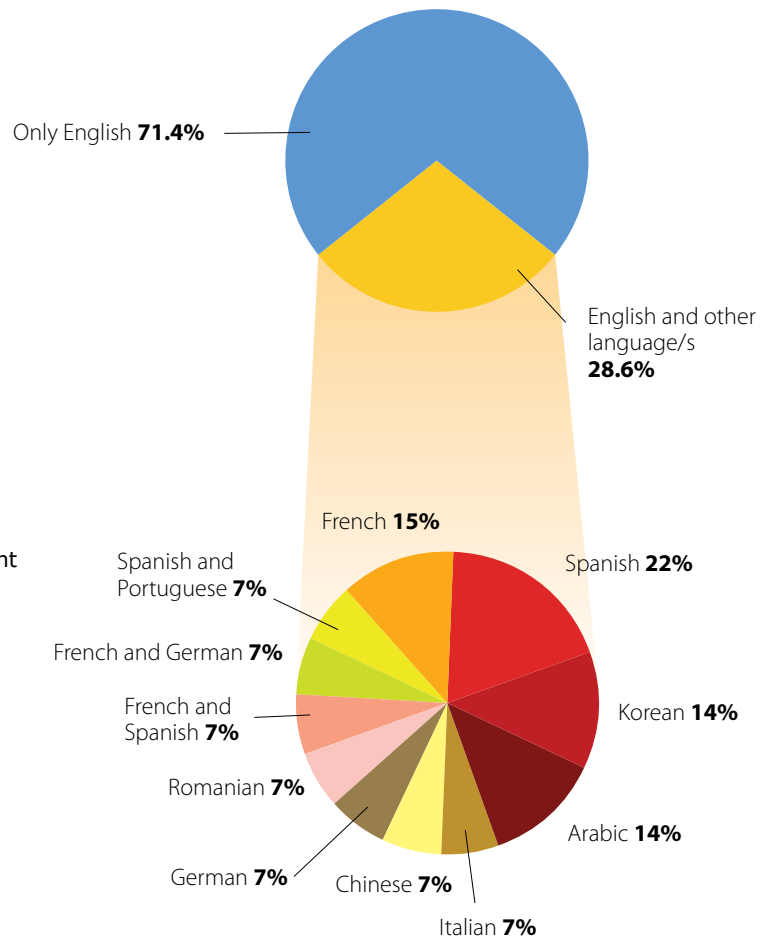
6-7 "Do you care if the writers you read are male or female?"

100% of respondents indicated that they do not care

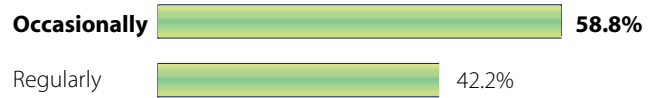
8 "In which language(s) do you read?"

Of the 56 respondents who answered:

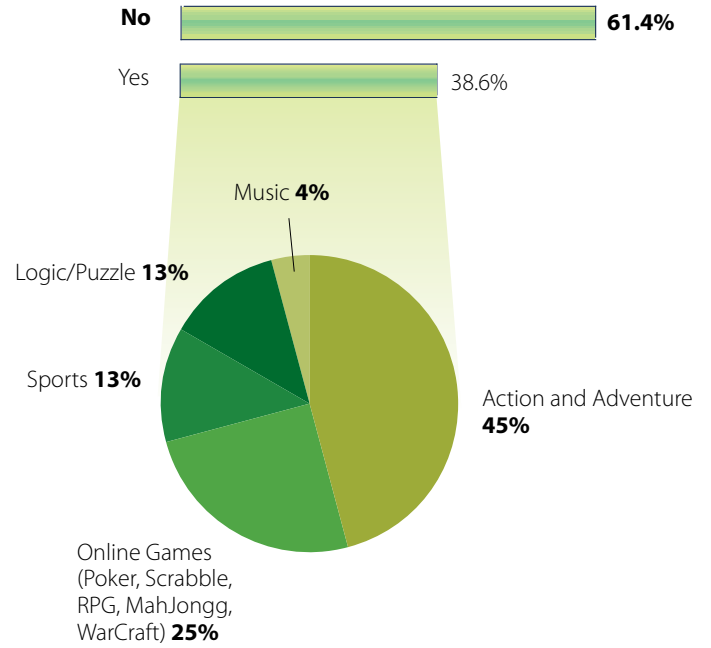
- English: 40 respondents
- English and Spanish: 3 respondents
- English and French: 2 respondents
- English and Korean: 2 respondents
- English and Arabic: 2 respondents
- English and Italian: 1 respondent
- English and Chinese: 1 respondent
- English and German: 1 respondent
- English and Romanian: 1 respondent
- English and French and Spanish: 1 respondent
- English and French and German: 1 respondent
- English and Spanish and Portuguese: 1 respondent



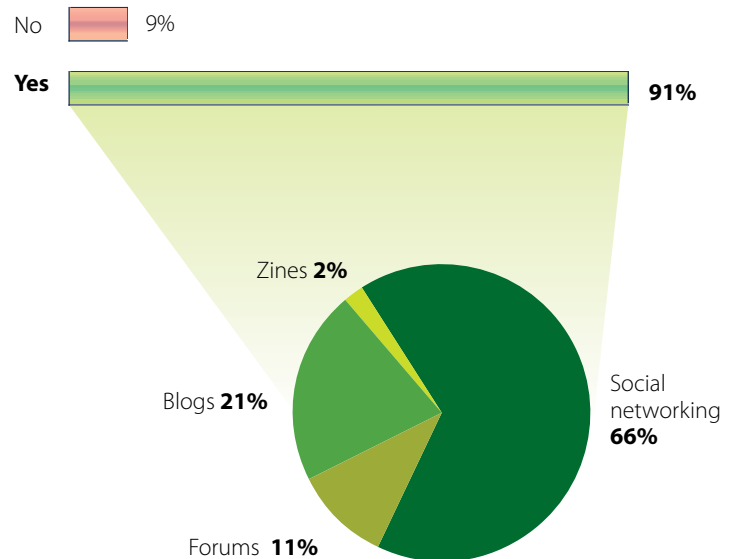
9 "If you read in multiple languages, do you do so occasionally or regularly?"



10 "Do you play electronic games? If you answered yes, please specify what kind(s) of activities appeal to you most."



11 "Are you an online contributor? If so, please select all that apply or provide examples"



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"Do you enjoy reading material from other parts of the world? If you answered yes, please specify"

Of the 38 respondents who answered yes:

10 respondents indicated a: Desire for Exposure to, and Knowledge of, Other Cultures

9 respondents indicated that they: Read News and Current Events from Other Parts of the World

6 respondents indicated that they: Read Texts from Europe

4 respondents indicated that they: Read Fiction from Other Parts of the World

4 respondents indicated that they: Read Non-Fiction from Other Parts of the World

4 respondents indicated that they: Read Texts from South America

3 respondents indicated that they: Read Texts from North America

3 respondents indicated that they: Read texts in Translation and/or Other Languages

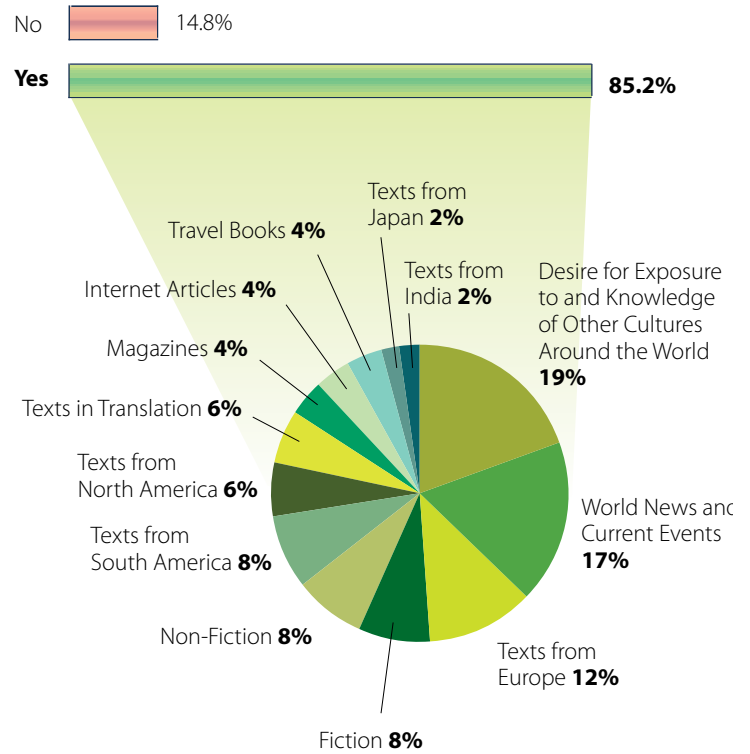
2 respondents indicated that they: Read Magazines from Other Parts of the World

2 respondents indicated that they: Read Internet Articles from Other Parts of the World

2 respondents indicated that they: Read Travel Books

1 respondent indicated that he/she: Reads Texts from Japan

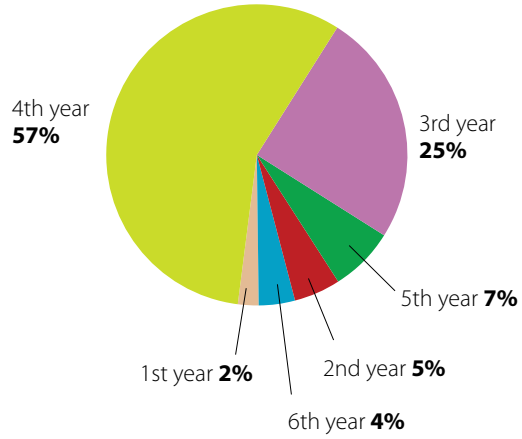
1 respondent indicated that he/she: Reads Texts from India



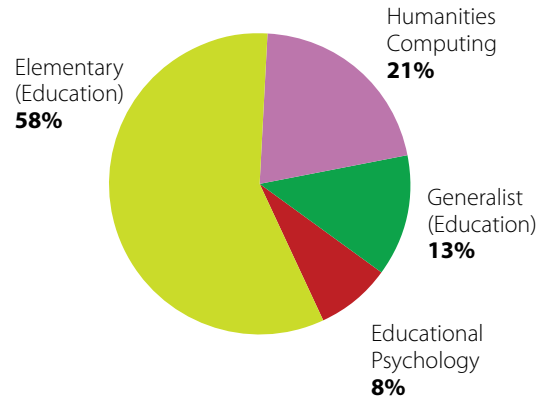
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"Please indicate your year of study, faculty, major, gender, and year of birth."

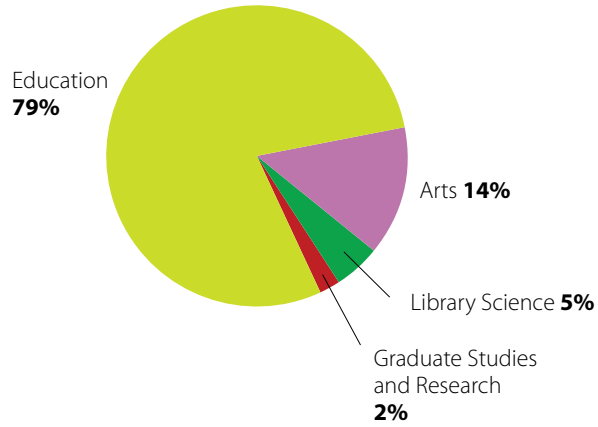
Year of study



Major



Faculty



Gender

