

## Research & Presentations

The distance education community is continually challenged to stay abreast of new technologies, educational theories, collaboration and much more. Conference program tracks include research, teaching and learning, electronic information and delivery, administration and support services and collaboration. A selected Program Advisory Board chooses up to 40 relevant and timely proposals, and information is shared over two days of presentations, workshops and poster sessions. See [Conference History & Purpose](#) for more information.

## Attendance Demographics (averages for last 5 conferences 2000 – 2008)

The Off Campus Library Services conference draws attendees drawn from overseas, Canada, and nearly every state, demonstrating the expansive reach of distance education and the librarian's role within.

<b>Average Number of Attendees</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>% Librarians</b>	<b>72%</b>
<b>% Administrators</b>	<b>12.4%</b>
<b>% Faculty/Other</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
<b>% Dept. Heads</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>% First time attendees</b>	<b>40%</b>

<b>Distance Traveled</b>	
<b>% Traveled over 800 miles</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>% Traveled 200-800 miles</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>% Traveled less than 200 miles</b>	<b>6%</b>

<b>Total Number of Institutions</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>% Universities</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>% Community Colleges</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>% Four Year Colleges</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>% Military, Public, Special</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b># States</b>	<b>43</b>
<b># International (Canada)</b>	<b>5</b>

## Poster Sessions and Technology Showcase

A portion of the conference is devoted to poster presenters and vendors exhibiting products and services of interest to this unique audience. Pictured below is the area that will be dedicated to poster sessions and technology showcase exhibits at the [Marriott Cleveland Downtown at Key Center](#).



## Social events

As with every learning experience, knowledge-sharing isn't relegated between 8-5 but throughout the experience. Each conference location is chosen based not only on venue but also local opportunities for informal networking. Attendees enjoy a welcome reception, organized dine-outs and excursions, along with an inspiring key-note speaker. For the 2010 conference ALA President Elect, [Dr. Camila Alire](#) will speak to us about the future of our profession.



**Testimonials from attendees at the 2008 conference:**

*"I got so many great ideas that will make it easier to do some of the things I've wanted to do. This conference ranks right up there with the ACRL conference. Great Job!"*

*"This is a fantastic conference – so practical (but with a nice balance of research – also practical) & focused. Excellent choice of topics, presenters, and opportunities to hear what everyone else is doing."*

*"Very, very useful & helpful to my daily work! Nice variety of topics and workshops."*