Not just a place to sleep: Homeless perspectives on libraries in Central Michigan

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Goals

- Scope
- How often? What services?
- Add to understanding for library workers
- Data useful for advocacy?
Facts about homelessness
Literature Review

- Field research in American library literature
- Institutional reports/recommendations
Literature review

- Observation/editorial articles
Methodology

- Target area vs. reality
- Survey format & testing
- Identifying agencies & events
- Final sample numbers
- Incentive
- Why not in libraries?
Results

- Demographics
- Frequency of library usage
- Preferred library services
- Non-library users
Results

- Wish list for libraries
- Information needs
Conclusions

- Frequency and attitude toward libraries
- Internet access
Limitations, further research & discussion

- Sample size
- Lack of ‘problem areas’
- Larger sample or different sub-group?
- Library policies
Questions or comments?

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