

International ILL Today:

How Copyright and Licensing
affect sharing across borders

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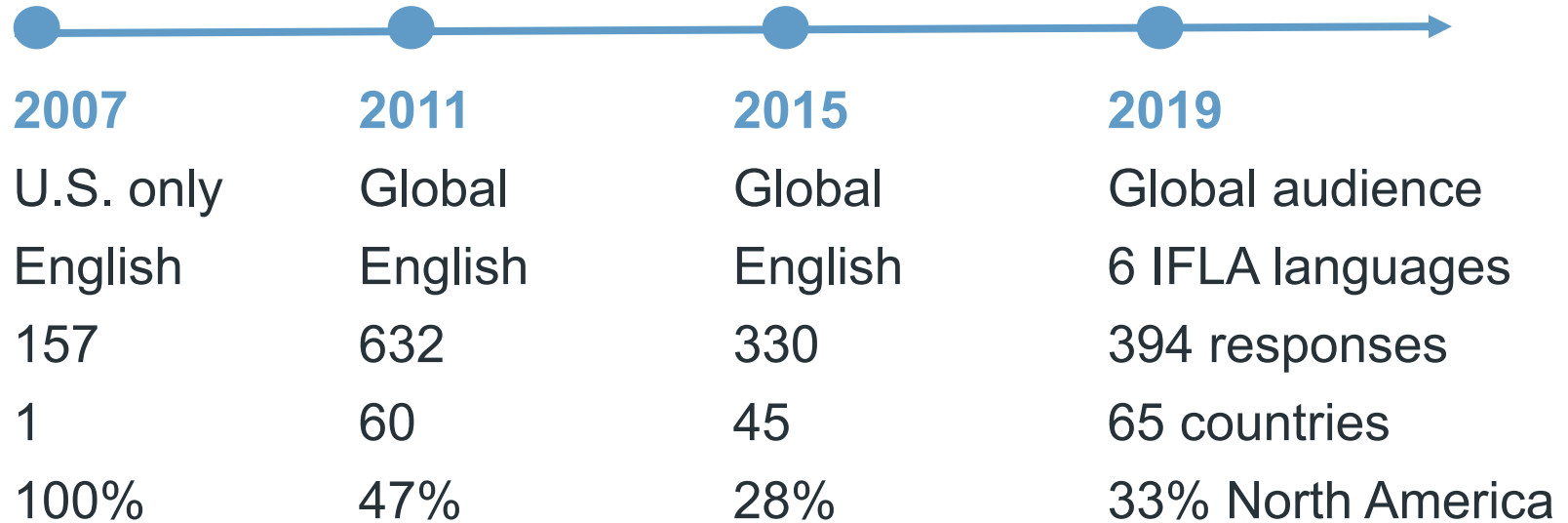
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STARS International ILL Survey



Barriers to International ILL



Language

English is NOT universal

Google Translate only goes so far

Other scripts are especially tricky



Discovery & Request

No truly worldwide catalog

Little to no interoperability
between closed ILL systems



Local Policy & Infrastructure

Circulation restrictions

Fear of loss or damage

No formal partnership = no lending

Limited staffing/budget



Legal or Political

Copyright restrictions

Licensing restrictions

War, conflict, and/or tensions
between countries



Shipping

Labor Intensive

Expensive and Slow

Customs Problems



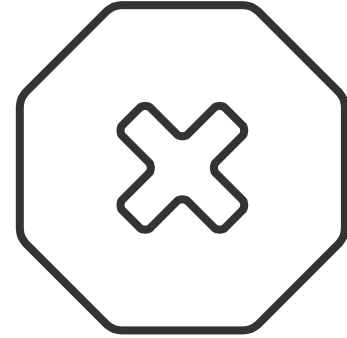
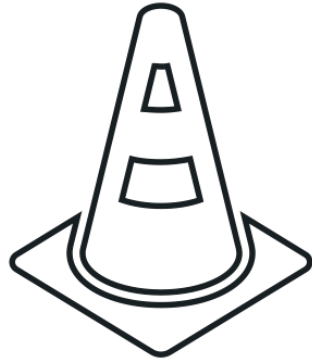
Payment

Which method(s) can borrower use?

Which method(s) can lender accept?

Tax Form (e.g., W8-BEN) required?

Different currencies and exchange rates



Physical Delivery Obstacles

Logistical

High Shipping \$\$, Slow Speed,
Fear of Loss/Damage

Electronic Delivery Barriers

Legal

Copyright Law,
Licensing Restrictions

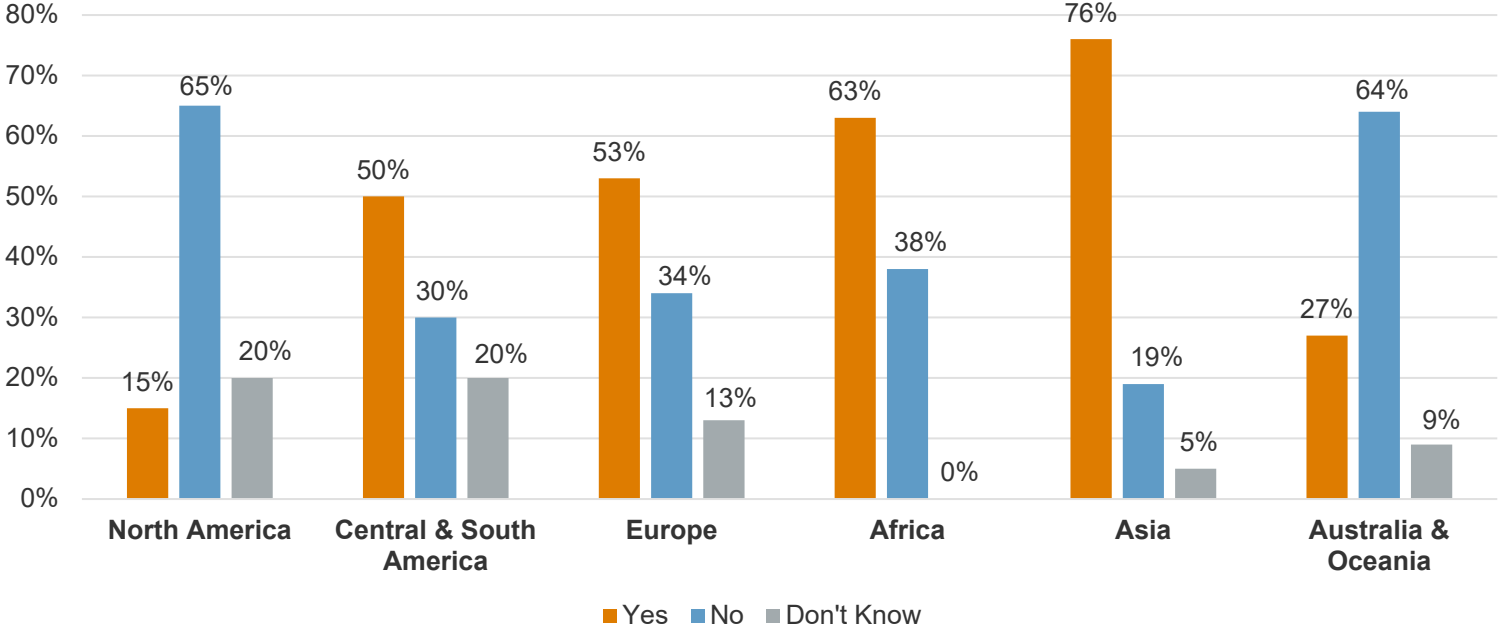
84% deliver electronically

40% said copyright is barrier

55% said licensing is barrier

2019 STARS International ILL Survey responses

Do copyright restrictions prevent you from lending copies to international borrowers?



Countries where copyright restrictions are most likely to prevent international lending of copies

100% of respondents identified barrier

Germany

Republic of Korea

Switzerland

Israel

Colombia

> 50% of respondents identified barrier

Japan (89%)

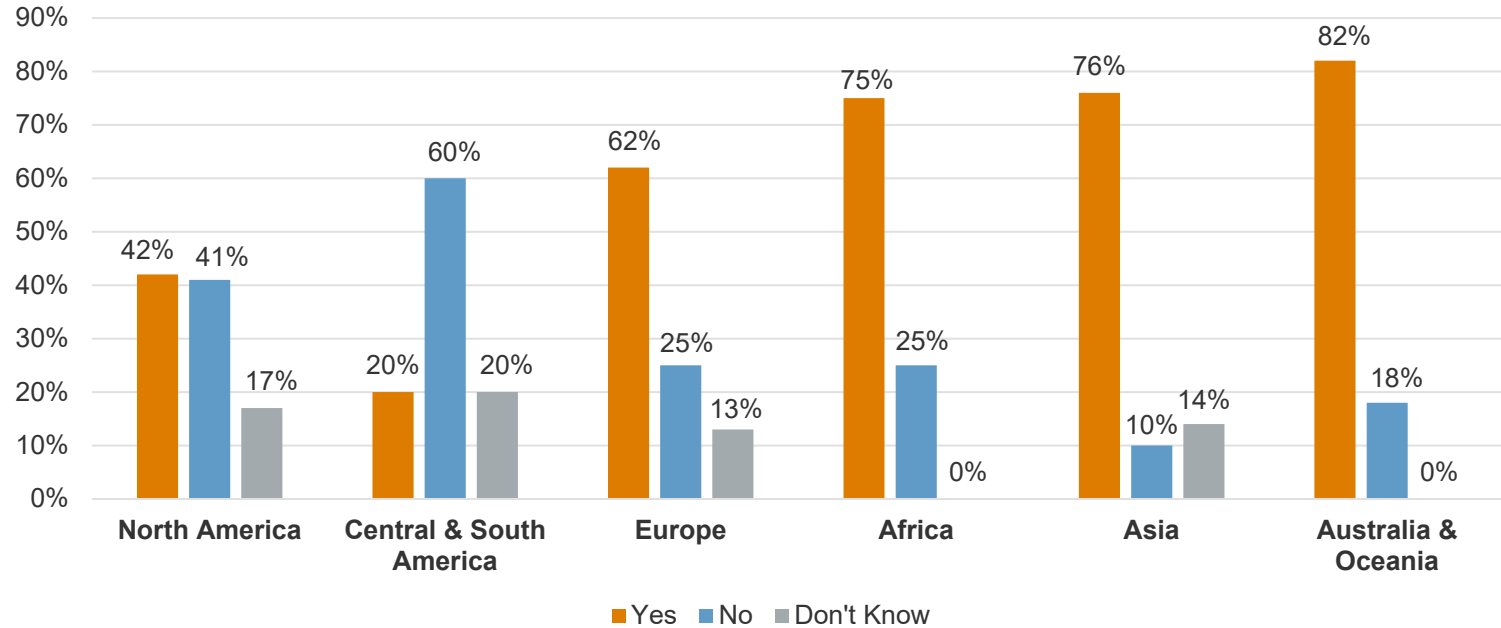
South Africa (71%)

Brazil (67%)

Italy (59%)

*only countries with multiple responses to this question are shown here

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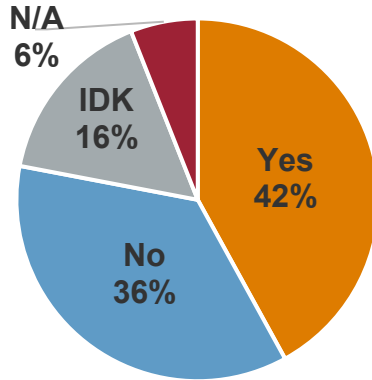
South Africa (86%)

Lebanon (75%)

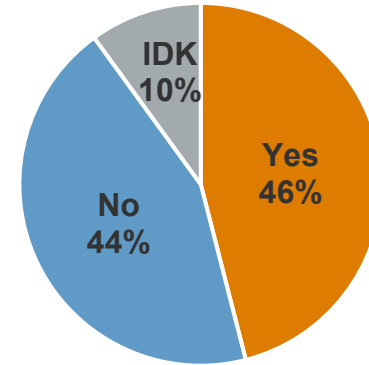
Korea, New Zealand, Sweden (67%)

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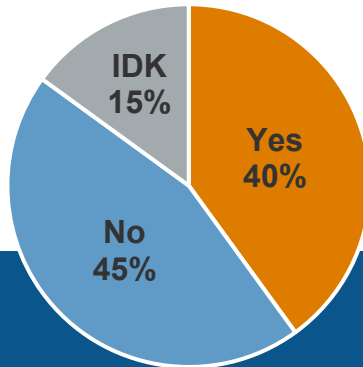
Copyright or licensing restriction as barrier to international ILL, 2011



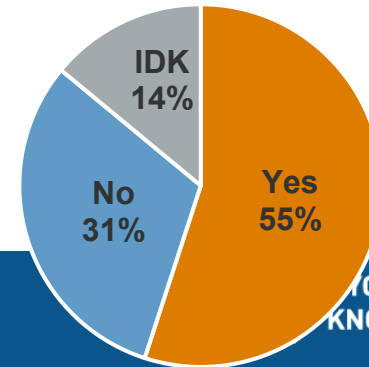
Copyright or licensing restriction as barrier to international ILL, 2015



Copyright restriction as barrier to international ILL, 2019



Licensing restriction as barrier to international ILL, 2019



Education and/or Information Needed

- ❑ **18 countries** with inconsistent responses to:
Do copyright restrictions prevent your library from supplying copies to international borrowers?
- ❑ **14-15% of respondents** did not know if copyright law and licensing prevented them from supplying copies abroad.

How to Improve Moving Forward

- ❑ Educate ILL practitioners about copyright law
Both local (for lending) and beyond (for borrowing)
- ❑ Share licensing terms with ILL practitioners
- ❑ Negotiate more favorable licensing terms
In particular, strike “same country only” clauses

How to Improve Moving Forward

- ❑ Advocate for exemptions in copyright law
- ❑ Pursue creative solutions

Germany: MyBib eL

United States: Controlled Digital Lending - check out
[draft CDL Co-op Statement on Using CDL for ILL](#)
[NISO's CDL Project Press Release \(9/20/21\)](#)

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