

## Avocado toast and pot roast: exploring perceptions of generational communication differences among health sciences librarians

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### APPENDIX

#### Survey

##### Questions

1. How long have you worked in libraries?  
0-5 years      6-10 years      11-20 years      20+ years  
Are you retired?  
Y or N
2. In what city/state is your workplace located? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How long have you been employed at your current institution or most recent institution?  
0-1 years    2-5 years      6-10 years      11-15 years      16-20 years      21+ years
4. What type of library do you work at?  
Hospital    Public    Health sciences academic    General academic    Public health    Pharmacy  
Corporate    Other \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is your job title? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How many people at your institution have a job title similar to yours?  
0      1-3      4-9      10+
7. How many part-time and full-time employees work in the library where you are currently employed? \_\_\_\_
8. Do you think the people you work with on a daily basis at your institution represent a wide range of ages?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
9. Have you encountered a difficult situation in the past six months communicating with a colleague who is:
  - a. older than you?
  - b. younger than you?
  - c. same age as you?
  - d. If so, please tell us more \_\_\_\_\_



19. What geographical space most impacts your identity?

- a. My country: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. My state/province: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. My city: \_\_\_\_\_

20. What generation do you most identify with? (Please circle)

\* In actual survey, chronological order, oldest first.

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**The generations defined**

**The Millennial generation**

Born: 1981 to 1998

Age of adults in 2016: 18 to 35\*

**Generation X**

Born: 1965 to 1980

Age in 2016: 36 to 51

**The Baby Boom generation**

Born: 1946 to 1964

Age in 2016: 52 to 70

**The Silent Generation**

Born: 1928 to 1945

Age in 2016: 71 to 88

**The Greatest Generation**

Born: 1901 to 1927

Age in 2016: 89 to 115

\* The youngest Millennials are in their  
teens. No chronological endpoint has been  
set for this group

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21. Do you agree with the generational label assigned to your year of birth?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. If no, please elaborate \_\_\_\_\_