Hello HBCU and HBGI Library Directors:

The Charles R. Drew University Health Sciences Library (Darlene Parker Kelly, EdD, Library Director; Charles Hobbs, Systems Librarian) and the Morehouse School of Medicine M. Delmar Edwards, M.D. Library are inviting you to participate in a survey of HBCU and HBGI Libraries to understand the impact of COVID-19 on library services. In a review of the library literature, we have noticed a paucity of published information on how these libraries operated and functioned during the pandemic. The literature was also devoid of lessons learned that may be unique to the HBCU/HBGI experience.

This survey, intended to be completed by the Library Director or his/her designee, seeks to determine whether the HBCU/HBGI libraries’ experiences, solutions, and subsequent effects during the COVID-19 Pandemic were unique and what lessons were learned. We strongly believe your involvement in this retrospective study will benefit each library as we will make our findings available to each participant and to non-participants through publication of our findings. We estimate that the amount of time to complete the survey is about 15 -20 minutes.

Please note that all data will be reported in aggregate formats to maintain respondent confidentiality. Participation in the study is voluntary; you may, withdraw without prejudice from the study at any time.

We anticipate publishing the research study results and sharing the findings within the professional library literature. If you have questions about this study, please contact Darlene Parker Kelly via email at: [darleneparkerkelly@cdrewu.edu](mailto:darleneparkerkelly@cdrewu.edu) or Roland Welmaker via email at: [rwelmaker@msm.edu](mailto:rwelmaker@msm.edu).

**Please click on the link to access the survey. Please compete by May 1, 2023.** [**https://redcap.msm.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=9MTA398PDR3TR4TD**](https://redcap.msm.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=9MTA398PDR3TR4TD).

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

**Joe Swanson, Jr.** Roland Bernard Welmaker

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\*The Charles R. Drew University Institutional Review Board concluded that the Research Study

1953757-1, does not qualify as Human Subjects Research.