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THE CHANGING REFERENCE LANDSCAPE:



AN ASSESSMENT OF MANN LIBRARY'S COMBINED SERVICE DESK

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NEED

- New combined service desk model
- Assess
 reference use
 as affected by
 the new model



Map courtesy of Wendy Thompson

METHOD

- Literature review of current trends
- Online and in-person patrons surveyed
- 56 total respondents

FINDINGS

- Undergrads Prefer Help Inperson
- 51% of Respondents Had Used In-person Help That Year
- Grad Students Evenly Split in Preference

MOVING FORWARD

- Regular assessment
- Creation of UX team for proactive actions
- Continue to offer all reference services to patrons