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RSA Directors Day Survey Results

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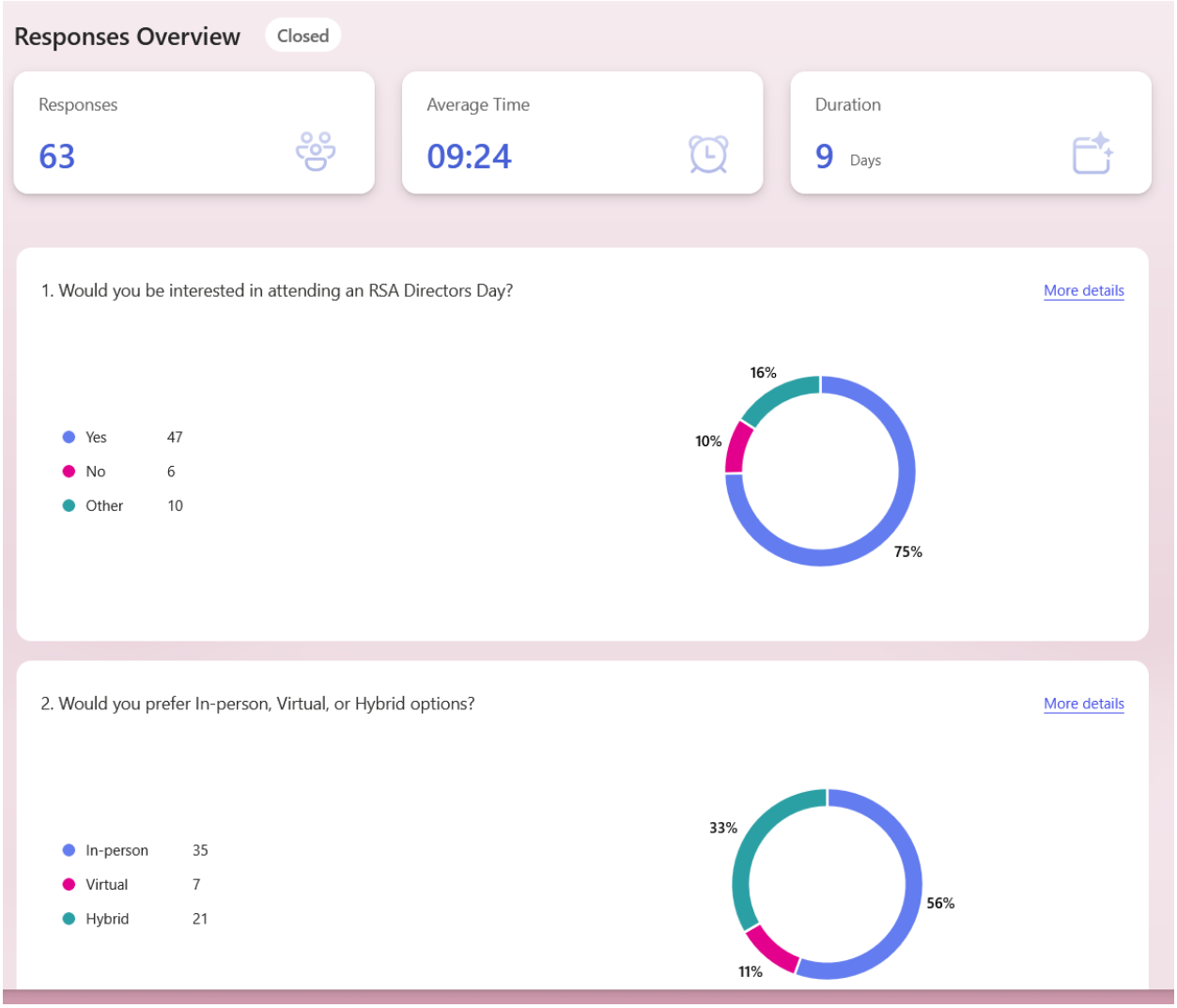
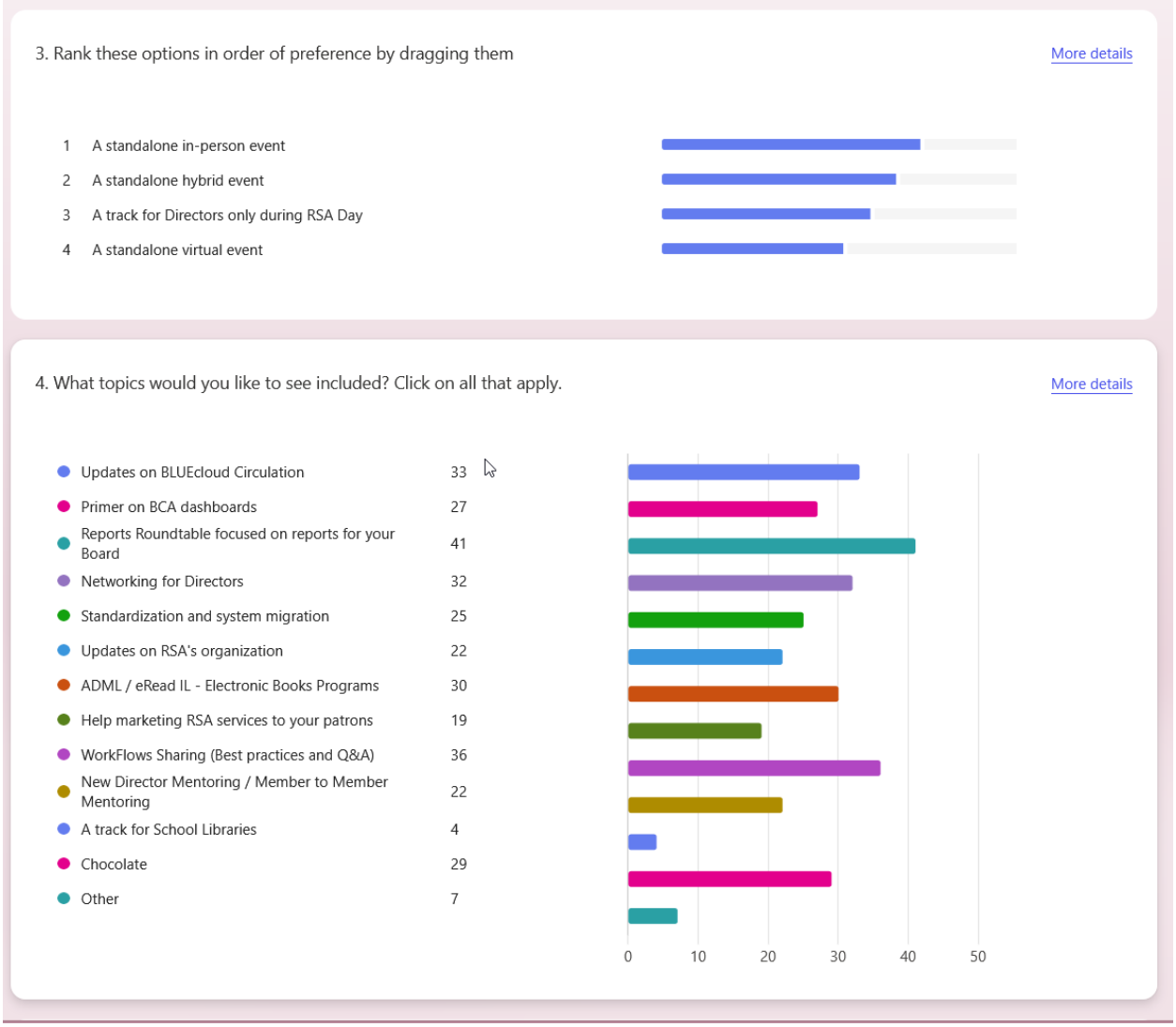


For question 1, most of the Maybes were related to date and location.



5. Do you have an idea for a keynote speaker? suggestions included:

- Alex Todd.
- Randomly select an attendee and ask them to riff for twenty minutes on a non-library topic selected by the group.
- Heartland LS speaker about how they changed the barcode placement location and why.
- Kathy Parker x3
- Maybe someone from RSA or a library director?
- is a keynote that necessary? I can have people talking AT me any ol' time on any number of subjects.... I mean, if you could pull off something epic, that might be fun but I don't think I've ever chosen to attend a meeting just because there was a certain keynote speaker.
- I feel like smaller libraries lack the guidance of having to wear all the hats that go with the director position. So someone who can speak on that?

- Alex Todd? Beth Duttlinger? Any director who is well seasoned and knows things?
- Illinois State Library or RAILS key personnel to talk about how those organizations work with consortia like RSA. Directors are so focused on running their libraries that many don't understand the structure and value of these organizations. So many (especially small) library directors are operating mostly on on-the-job training and there's a lot to keep track of!
- State Library Phil Lenzini/Ancel Glick RAILS
- Tina Koleva from ILA or Laura Keyes from the IL State Library. I don't really know anyone else.

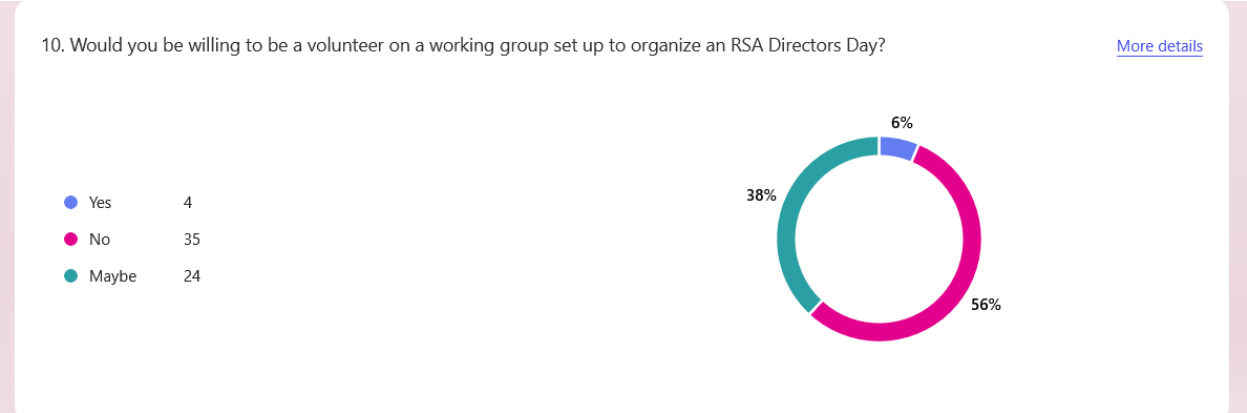
For question 6, only one library said they could host.

For question 8 Please provide any other feedback about a possible RSA Directors Day.:

- If not at a location in Central IL, I would prefer a virtual event.
- A separate day (Directors Day vs. RSA Day) might be easier for small libraries to schedule.
- If a session is going to be about budgets, for example, then encourage attendees to bring a copy of their budget with them.
- WDL can't host, but we'd be happy to use our meeting room as a breakout room if it's at Five Points like RSA Day has been in the past. –Lexie
- It would be great to meet annually
- Since I am new to the area and state, an in-person event would be better than a virtual event where most people turn off their cameras.
- This would be really useful.
- I don't have any feedback other than I think that would be a really great program to offer!
- What is the point of this? The topics listed above are not interesting to me. I think we have enough director networking groups that support peer to peer learning.
- Roundtables for larger and smaller libraries
- I like the idea but would not be able to miss other RSA all staff sessions to attend. Many of the topics are covered with listservs and local directors groups.

- Please don't hold this event in the midst of the summer programming season! Courtney/ Avon PL
- I love this idea!! Angie Watson at Tremont District Library
- Make sure to talk with those involved with Directors U & Directors U Advanced so its not repeat information, and also please not in April. PLA, Directors U, and RSA day are all in April.
- Any updates or refresher courses for directors that have been around for a while. How to use the https://support.librariesofrsa.org page and where to find things.
- I think this is a very good idea…. As directors one of our main roles is managing the staff and I don't see a topic above that applies to that, so if I was going to add anything if would be along those lines.
- Best not to repeat things that are RSA Day/front line.
- This is a great idea for Directors only.
- I wasn't really sure what you meant by, "A track for directors only during RSA Day" so I put it last. LOL Rebecca Seaborn
- I'm never able to attend as I have classes and tech work besides being a librarian at school. Bobette Massaglia
- I think it's a great idea. Thank you. Sheryl Siebert, Chenoa PLD
- This would be my first attending, I am not sure about how the RSA Directors Day has been in the past.
- In person is almost always a better user experience but it's hard to get people to attend in person. Maybe start with 1/2 day? Maybe offer two to three sessions, in two to three locations so travel doesn't eat up a director's day.
- Good idea
- would be nice just to meet other directors and hear the concerns and learn from them
- This is a neat idea. T shirts for purchase, with the profits going towards future RSA days or whatever RSA would use them for, would be fun. Lauren Heck
- As a new director, I don't have very much input at the moment. However, I would love to see some mentorship programs for new directors and more virtual/hybrid events for those of us that live further away.
- I don't have any feedback to provide other than I think that a dedicated RSA Day for directors would be beneficial for all of us.

For question 9, no one wanted to present.



For question 11 which asked for general feedback:

- I really, really, really do not need staff to come on site visits. If we have questions or want a visit, we'll ask.
- Thank you for the new director visit when I started at my library - Patty answered a ton of questions and was so very helpful!
- We appreciate all RSA does for us!!
- Thank you for everything you do!
- Thanks for keeping us well informed about what is happening.
- Everyone at RSA does a great job.
- This is a great idea - Lauren Heck
- Your help has been wonderful! Being new is very intimidating, but your patience and thoroughness have saved the day many times already. Thank you for what you do. Alicia LeVesque, Nauvoo Public Library