



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2015, voters in Jefferson County approved an increase in the maximum mill levy for the Jefferson County Public Library, prioritizing the establishment of a new library location in southwest Jefferson County. Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) initiated community engagement to evaluate, recommend, and implement library services for what will become the new library location, currently referred to as the South County Library.

JCPL currently operates 11 library locations, four off-site holds lockers, and a bookmobile in Jefferson County. The proposed new library will be located at 11100 Bradford Rd in Littleton, Colorado, in an existing building previously occupied by a local business. The building, which was purchased in early 2025, will use 40,000 of its 64,000 square feet as the future home of the South County Library. JCPL is still determining how the remaining 24,000 square feet of the existing building will be used. JCPL has committed to investing \$13,049,000 in the construction of the new library to provide an amenity that better serves this growing community.

A new library location is one of the projects in JCPL’s 2024 Strategic Plan to expand services to meet the needs of the community. The project vision is to provide greater access to resources, information, and opportunities for every generation. From January through March 2025, JCPL sought community input to gather a comprehensive understanding of their wants and needs to support the future success of this project. Those results are found in the following report.

Common trends and themes found in this report will help inform the program of service. These trends are intended to inform JCPL leadership of the types of library services that the community desires. This feedback, combined with the market analysis and other community inputs, provides data points to help determine which services are planned for the South County Library, the design will then be developed to accommodate these services.

KEY THEMES

- **Meaningful Connections & Community:** Strong demand for spaces where people can come together to forge meaningful connections, build a sense of community and share knowledge and experiences. This includes offering social events and amenities that provide additional reasons to visit, such as food and playgrounds.
- **Dynamic & Community-Rooted Design:** Envision a dynamic and forward-thinking library that seamlessly connects with local neighborhoods while incorporating contemporary flair alongside traditional library elements. The design should be innovative and rooted in the community to create an inspiring and engaging space.
- **Nature & Outdoor Integration:** Seek a library that fosters a connection to outdoor spaces by integrating natural elements, views and offering outdoor reading & programming.
- **Accessible, Flexible & Inclusive Design:** Desire for a design that is accessible, safe, and flexible with dedicated areas for various age groups. Envision a welcoming environment that is inclusive to all, educational and resourceful.



STUDENT TOURS

To kick-off the community engagement, tours were held with students from Warren Tech, Dakota Ridge and Chatfield High Schools. 23 students participated over two visits on January 29 and February 12, 2025. This included touring the existing building, followed by a Q&A session focused on the Feel, Features, and Flexibility of the new library.

ONE-SENTENCE STORY COMPETITION

Community members were invited to unleash their creativity in a one-sentence story competition posted to the JCPL website from January 17, 2025, through March 3, 2025. A panel from JCPL selected five winners from the 69 patrons who participated.

SURVEYS

Community surveys were created to gather additional information on future library services. Two surveys were created: one for the general public and another for the teen demographic. The surveys were available in English and Spanish, posted to the JCPL website on January 17, 2025, and open for input until March 3, 2025. Paper copies of the surveys in English and Spanish were also available at the Columbine Library, Bookmobile and collected by library staff.

A separate survey was created to gain input from JCPL staff and 117 surveys were completed.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Public community meetings were held on various dates from January 2025 to March 2025. These meetings were held in various formats including:

- Cocoa Convos: In-community activations offering free hot chocolate with participation in a five to ten minute design prioritization activity that was conducted 1-on-1 or with small groups.
- Social Hours: Partnered with local cafes and restaurants to offer free (non-alcoholic) drinks with participation in a five to ten minute design prioritization activity that was conducted 1-on-1 or with small groups.
- Capstone Workshop: Hosted at the new library building and Columbine Library to allow the community to tour the new site and provide feedback on the elements they would like to see in the new South County Library.

To ensure meetings were accessible to all, they were provided on various dates and locations, at different times of day, as well as weekend options, to reach as many community members as possible. Attendees were able to specify if language translation was needed to support their participation.

Approximately 457 community members attended the capstone workshops and community meetings in total. Various questions and break-out stations were utilized to engage the community’s feedback on which services and spaces are most important to them, with the goal of providing spaces to meet the community’s needs. This input will ultimately contribute to the program of service to be written by JCPL Leadership.

ONE-SENTENCE STORY

PROCESS OVERVIEW

As part of our community engagement phase, we invited patrons and community members to unleash their creativity in a one-sentence story competition. The question posed was:

“Write a one-sentence story that takes place at JCPL South County Library in the year 2075.”

Over the span of two months, we received 69 submissions brimming with imagination and flair. A dedicated panel of JCPL members, along with the Teen Advisory Board meticulously reviewed each entry to crown five stand-out winners.

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I enter the beautiful all glass library, newly remodeled with heating and cooling embedded in the glass walls, and see my favorite display of brain wave books then choose one on Mars real estate opportunities and one on Martian language which my electrode cap at home will hook into and transfer the knowledge into my brain as I relax.

- Melinda S.

2

A little girl named Lila watches in awe as her favorite book comes to life right in front of her eyes, filling the room with shimmering light, 3D holographic adventures and the laughter of friends beside her and across the world, joining in through the library’s immersive storytelling network.

- Nikki S.

3

In 50 years, I’ll be hunched over my walker, shuffling down the stacks, crooked, wrinkled fingers trailing along the trusty spines of our collective stories laid down on paper, as it has been done for centuries, feeling smug about my place in it all.

- Jessie W.

4

The ghost of Liam insists that the old library isn’t haunted.

- Vernon

5

As I step through the solid wood doors with two other little, tiny hands in mine, I’m passing on to my children a half a century journey of stories, travels, truth seeking and adventure that can only begin in a library.

- Katelyn S.



SECOND PLACE WINNER: NIKKI S.



THIRD PLACE WINNER: JESSIE W.



FIFTH PLACE WINNER: KATELYN S.

COMMUNITY SURVEYS

PROCESS OVERVIEW & DEMOGRAPHICS

Surveys were posted to the JCPL website on January 17, 2025 and were open for input until March 3, 2025. Paper copies, in both English and Spanish, of the surveys were also available at the Columbine Library and the Bookmobile.

- A total of 1,852 community members completed surveys; one of which was in Spanish. 1,645 of those were general community surveys.
- Of the 969 that input their zip code, 88%, reside in Littleton. The remaining 12% reside in Morrison, Evergreen, Watkins, Foxton, Arvada, or Denver.
- 94% of all participants are library card holders and 81% frequent the library at least once a month.

Surveys contained a variety of short answer and multiple-choice questions. Common themes were seen throughout, including:

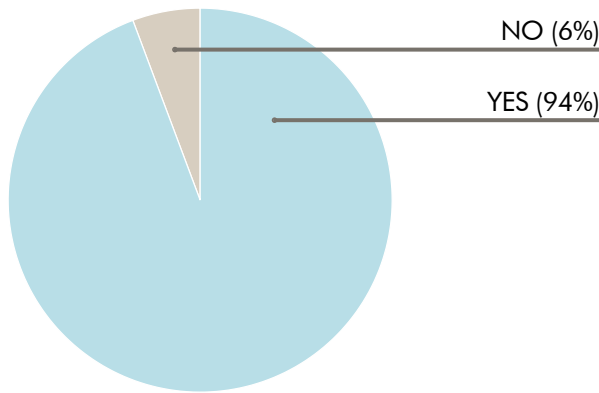
- Community **gathering spaces** are highly desired. Participants are hopeful to engage in neighborhood meetings, social gatherings, and/or community events at the new library.
- The community desires a **welcoming, inclusive, and resourceful** library that is **vibrant, innovative, and fun**.
- Participants are looking for **natural elements and outdoor spaces**.

Results of the surveys saw many commonalities with the community meeting data received. A sampling is noted below:

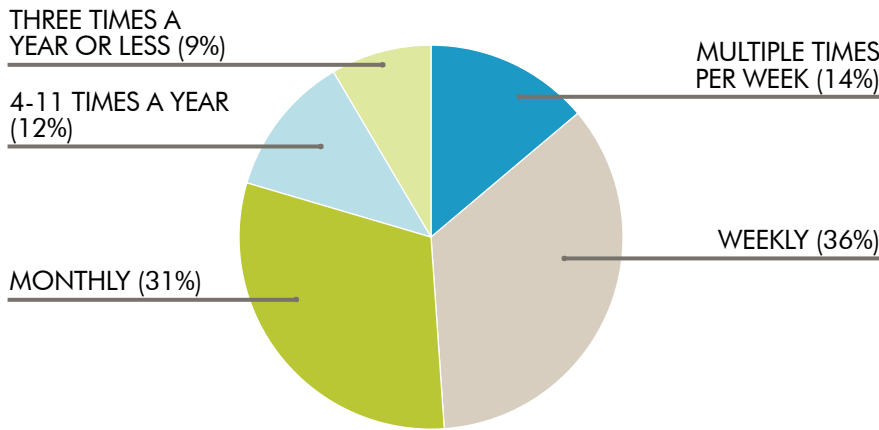
- Both community meetings and surveys noted the need for **an engaging Children’s area** that includes a large story time space, fun play areas, and beneficial educational programs.
- The community assessed that access to **books, resources, and educational classes** would be vital to the success of the library.
- Both community meetings and surveys noted the importance of extracurricular space for **groups, clubs, and gatherings**.
- Additional features mentioned include **a café, a makerspace, and ample parking**.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

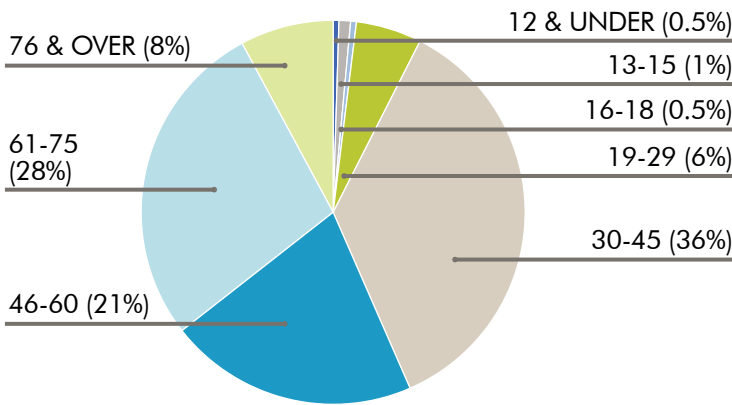
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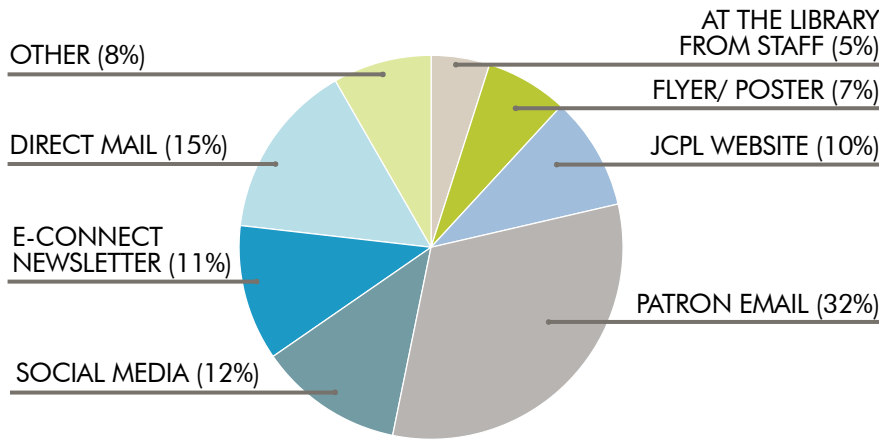
HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE A LIBRARY?



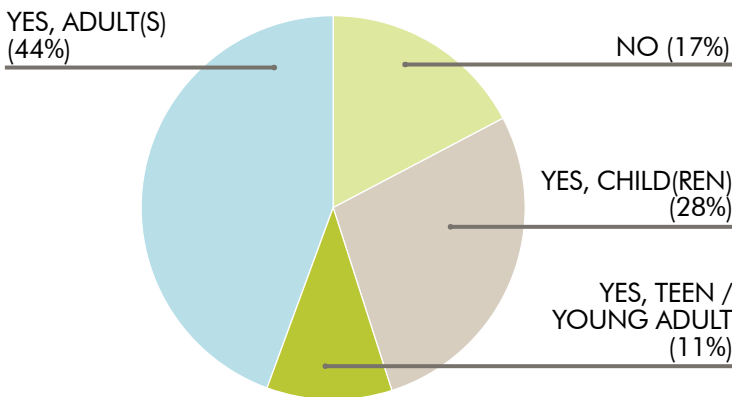
WHAT’S YOUR AGE?



HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE SURVEY?



ARE THERE OTHER LIBRARY USERS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

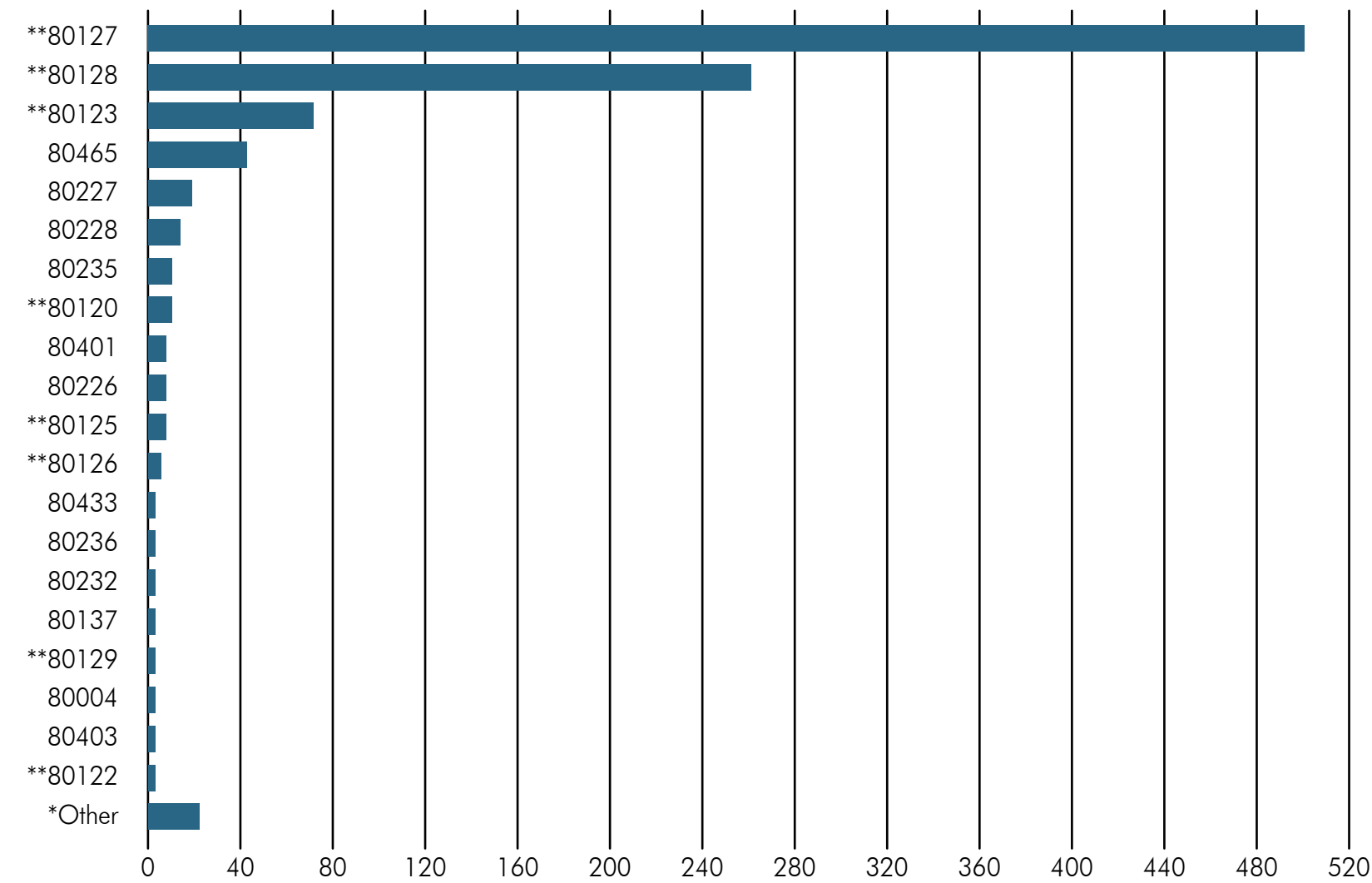


*Community English and Spanish, teen English and Spanish survey results have been incorporated into overall survey results. Full responses can be found in the appendix.

*Due to rounding, percentages are approximate and may not total 100%.

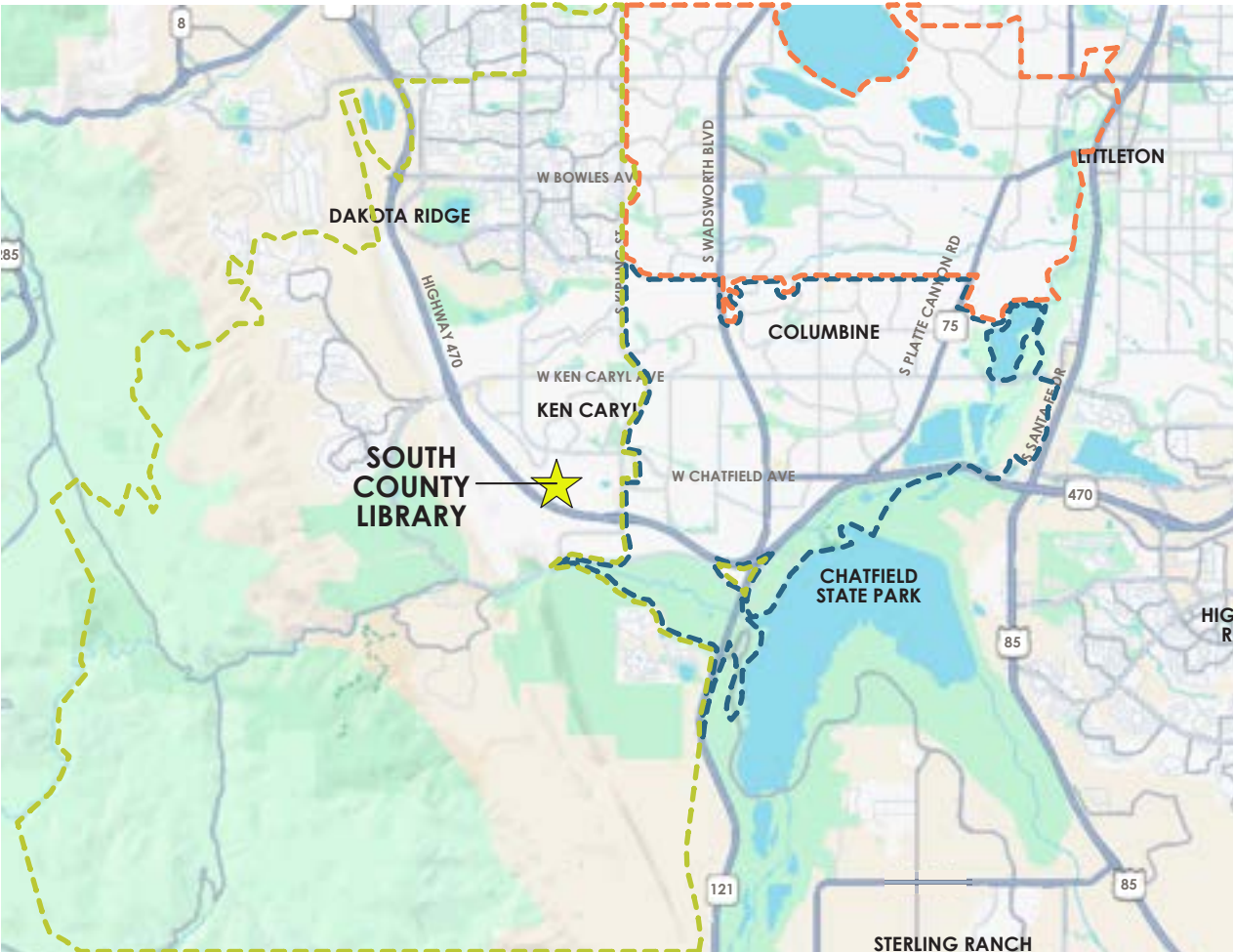
WHAT’S YOUR ZIP CODE?

Zip Code Analysis Participants: 969



*Other = 23 different zip codes received a single respondent answer

** = Littleton zip codes

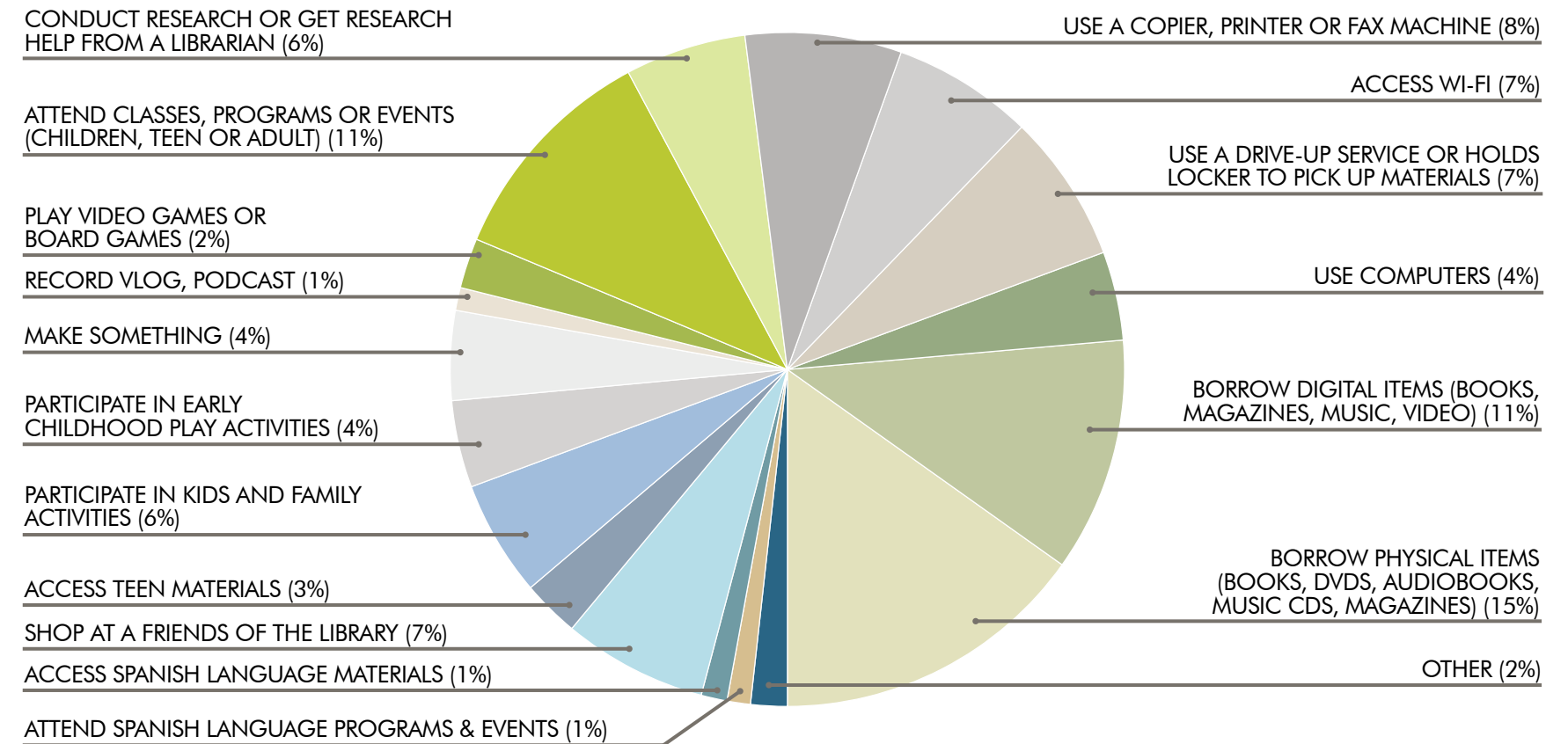


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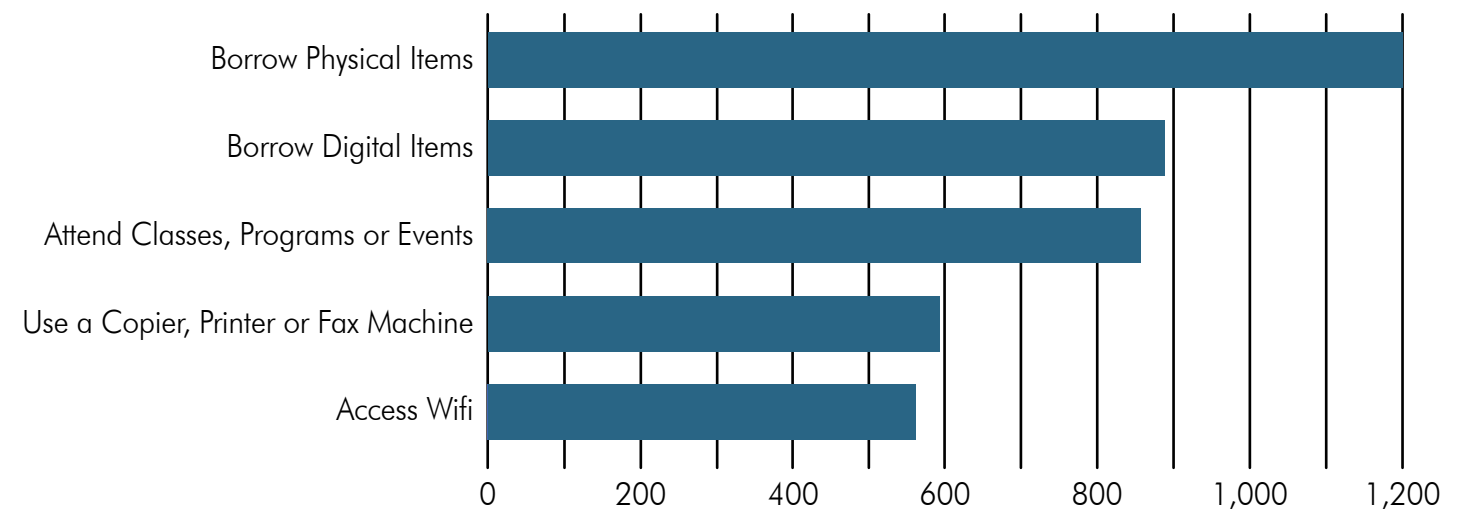
1 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING LIBRARY SERVICES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU USE AT THE NEW SOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY? RANK THE TOP FIVE THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU.

TAKEAWAYS:

- As to be expected, books and **physical materials** received the highest response for what people do at the library. 1,204 comments referenced books, reading, book holds, or check-outs. The physical collection still dominates why most people visit the library.
- The second highest usage of the library fell under the borrowed **digital items** with 892 comments referencing use of the libraries digital books, magazines, music, and videos.
- The third highest usage comes from **attending classes, programs, or events** across all groups. Big support for in-person learning activities and building community opportunities.
- There is a **fairly even distribution of results** between many of the services showing that all are used.
- While not in the top 5 results; participation in **children's activities**, when combined, make up over 10% of the votes and suggest a higher demand for these areas.



Top 5 Highest Commented Uses



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TAKEAWAYS:

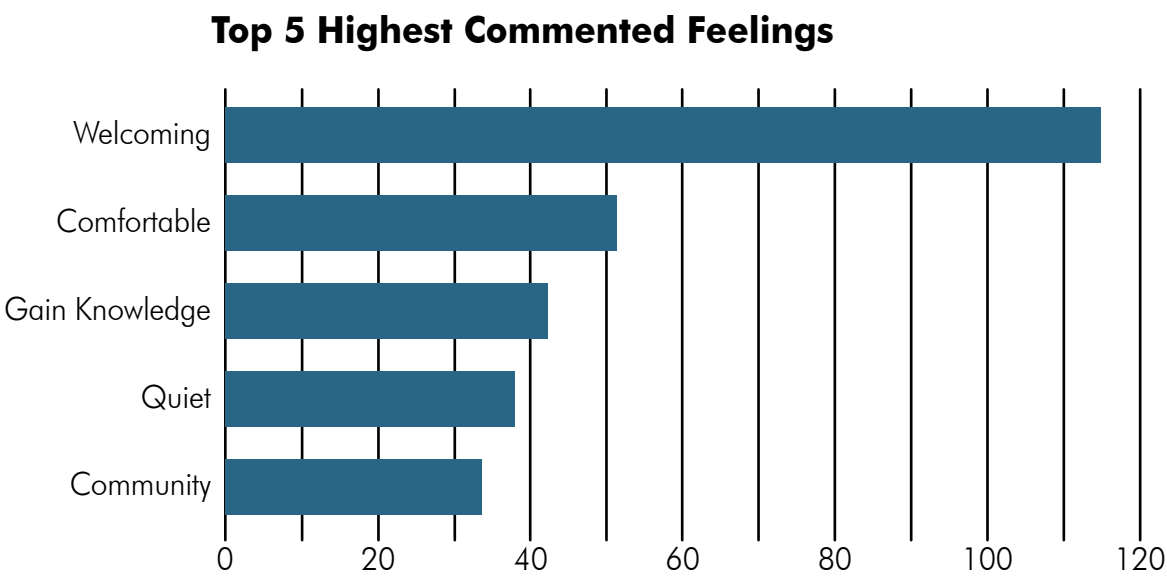
- The most mentioned word was **exciting**. This is reflective of the public being excited to have a library in this location. This is reinforced by the frequent use of other key words including: convenient, nearby, community, access, connective, and proximity.
- Survey participants chose words that highlighted their vision for a **welcoming and inclusive** library, one that is **educational, resourceful**, and set in a **modern, vibrant** environment.
- The community has emphasized the importance of a space that **fosters a sense of connection**. The new library should be a space that allows for ample opportunities for the **community** to come together.



3 COMPLETE THIS STATEMENT: "WHEN I VISIT A LIBRARY, I WANT TO FEEL LIKE I'M IN A PLACE THAT..."

TAKEAWAYS:

- Participants are looking for a space that is **warm, welcoming, and inviting**. Individuals are seeking comfort through environmental factors and support from helpful, friendly staff.
- The community has expressed interest in an **inclusive and diverse** space that allows **community to build** in a no judgment zone. People want to feel like they can be 100% themselves, that diversity is both welcomed and appreciated, and that age, education level, race, ethnicity, gender identity, etc. is accommodated and celebrated.
- The feedback has shown that the community values a space that **fosters knowledge**. That can be realized through group collaboration opportunities, teaching/tutoring moments, and/or individual, quiet growth.



"IS COZY AND WARM. A PLACE TO CURL UP WITH A BOOK OR SPEND TIME READING/WORKING OUTSIDE."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER

"SUPPORTS EXPLORATION AND KNOWLEDGE."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER

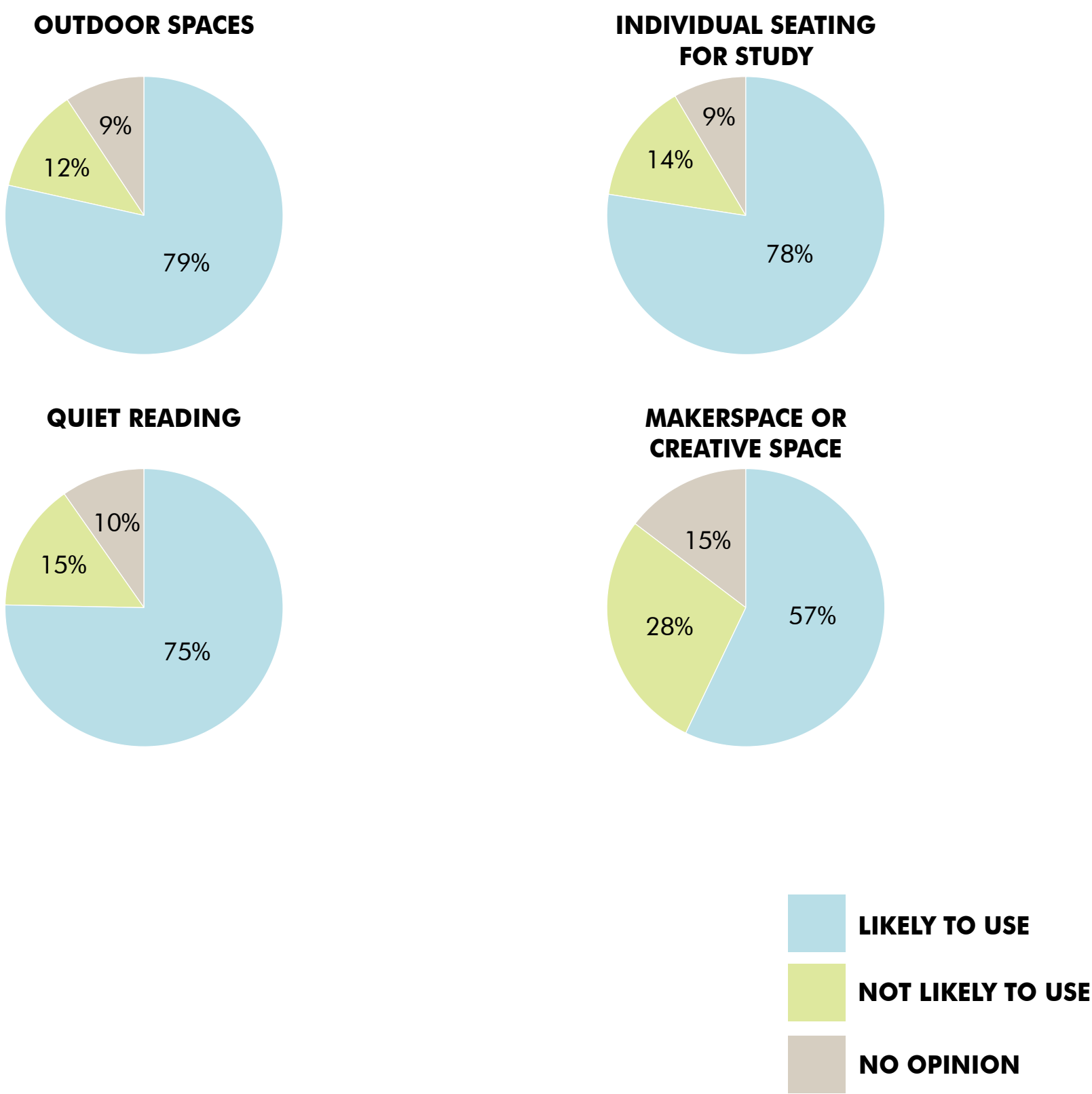
"PROVIDE A PEACEFUL AN QUIET ENVIRONMENT."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER

"WELCOMES MY CHILDREN, GIVES THEM ACCESS TO PLAY AND TIME TO EXPLORE BOOKS."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER

4 THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE TYPES OF SPACES THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE LIBRARY. DO ANY OF THESE APPEAL TO YOU?

TAKEAWAYS:

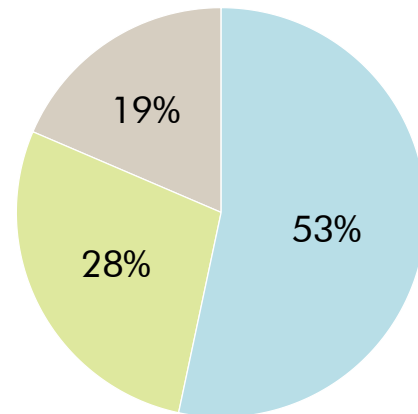
- Of the top four spaces that appealed to participants, two are high energy spaces (**outdoor and maker**) and two are heads-down spaces (**study and reading**). This indicates that the library must strike a **balance between loud and quiet** for all patrons to be satisfied.
- Many respondents also felt **children's spaces** were important; Kids & Family Space, Children's Story Time Area, and Early Childhood spaces individually received between 39% to 51% response rates of spaces that would likely be used. **Combining the three results makes for a compelling use of family areas.**
- The four spaces adults were least inclined to use are:
 - **Listening space for audiobooks or podcasts**
 - **Dedicated teen**
 - **Digital media**
 - **Gaming room**



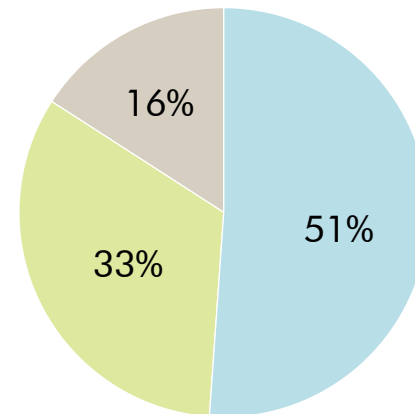
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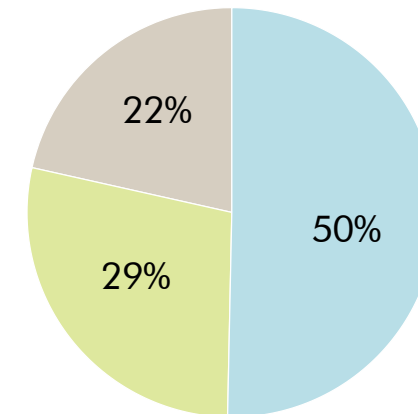
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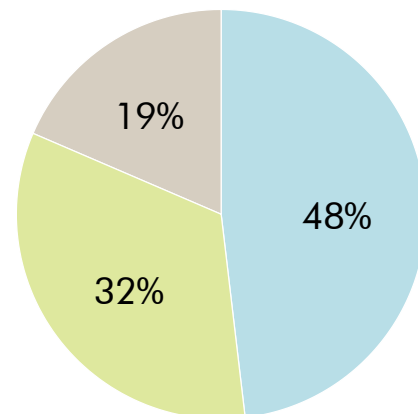
KIDS AND FAMILY SPACE



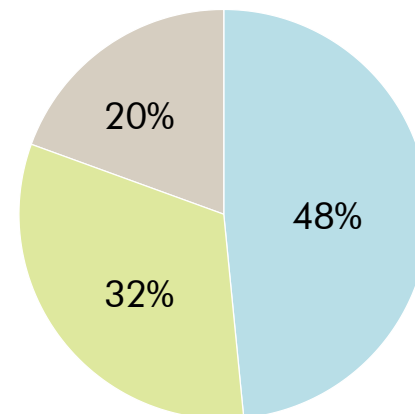
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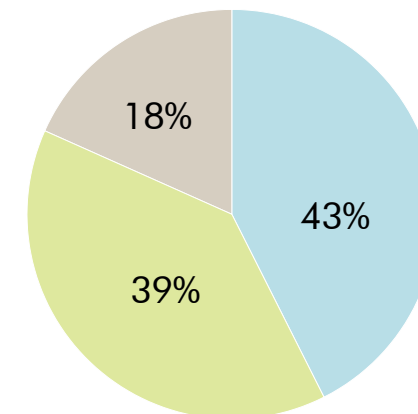
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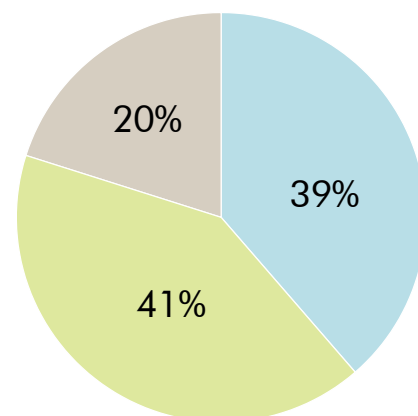
STUDY ROOM



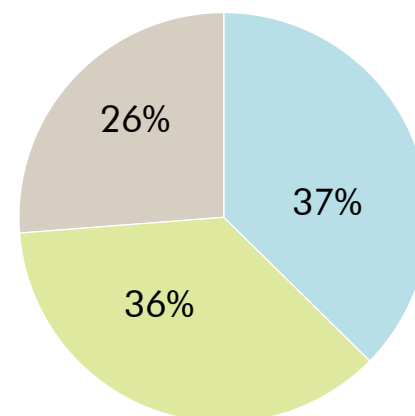
CHILDREN'S STORY TIME AREA



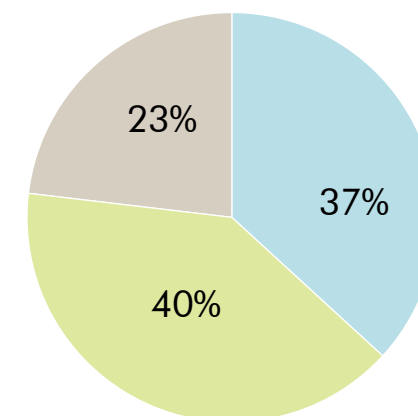
EARLY CHILDHOOD



SENSORY SPACE



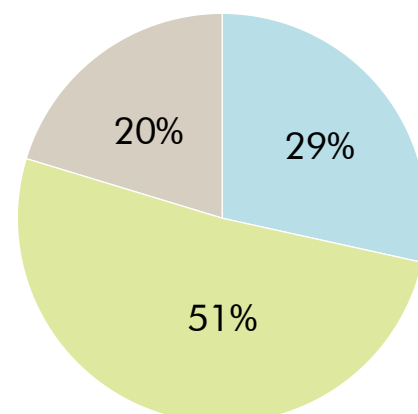
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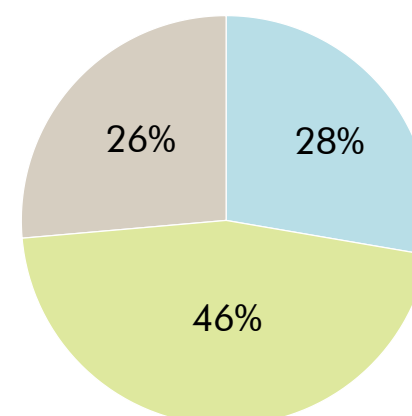
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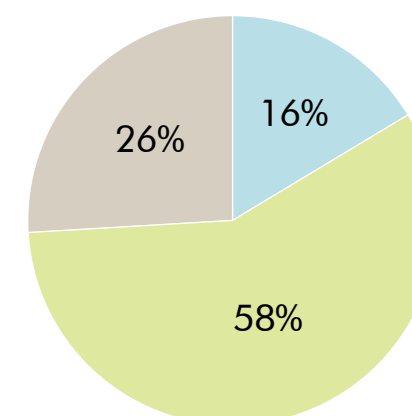
LISTENING SPACES FOR AUDIOBOOKS OR PODCASTS



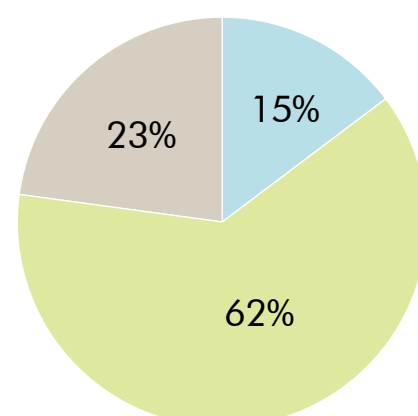
DEDICATED TEEN



DIGITAL MEDIA



GAMING ROOM



5 PLEASE TELL US HOW IMPORTANT THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS ARE TO YOU:

TAKEAWAYS:

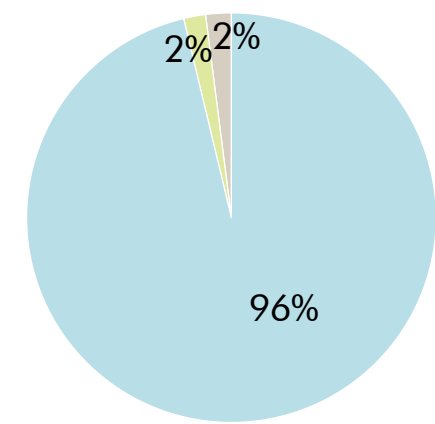
- Participants felt like the following were the most important elements to include in the new library:

- **Convenient operating hours**
- **A welcoming environment**
- **Easy to find items/spaces**
- **Natural light**
- **Comfortable furniture**

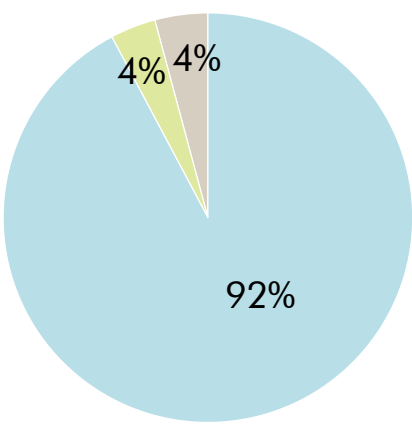
These five categories accounted for 85% of the total votes for “important”.

- The only element receiving **under 30%** for “important” was **translation services**. This reflects the demographic that participated in these surveys and likely does not represent the opinions of all library users.

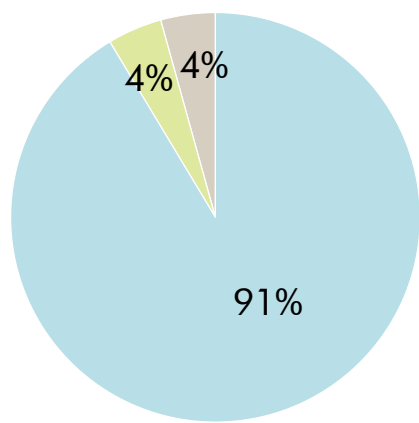
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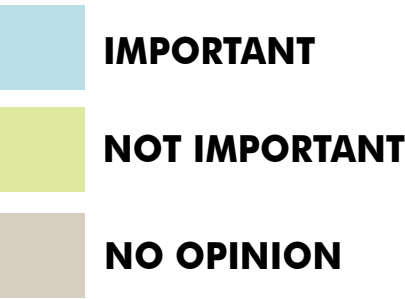
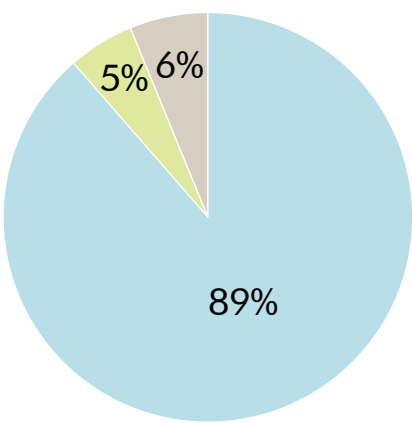
WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT



EASY TO FIND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR



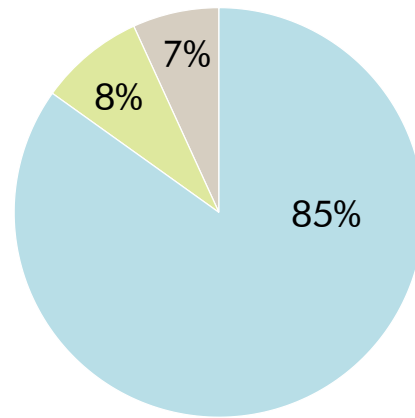
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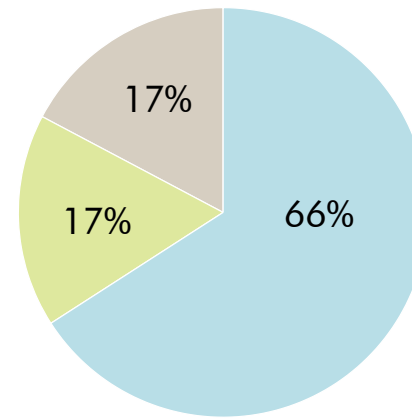
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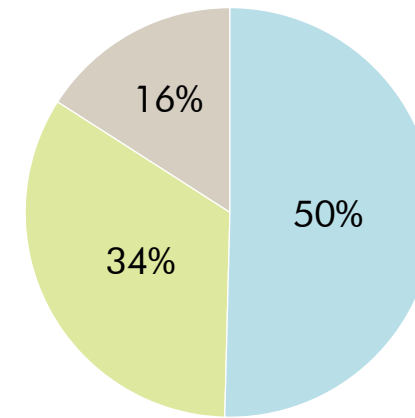
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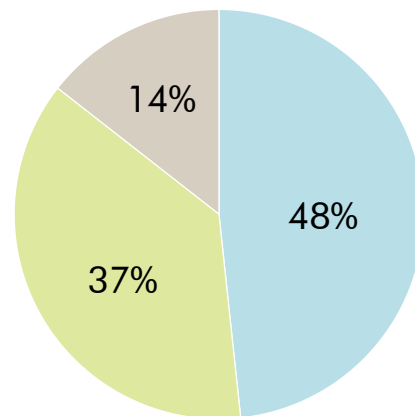
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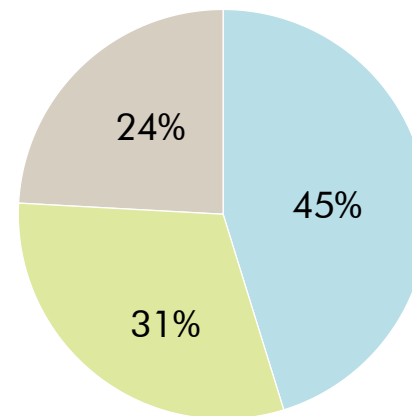
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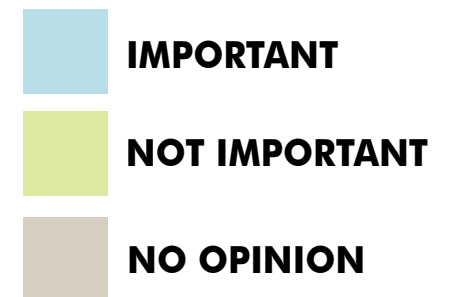
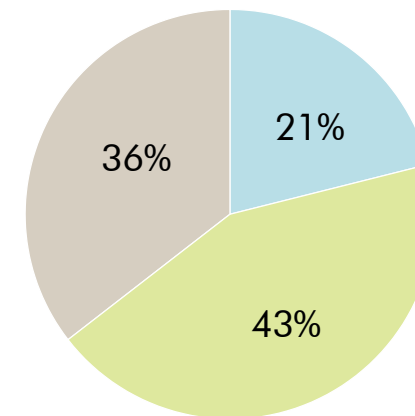
24/7 ACCESS TO HOLDS



SECURE SCOOTER, BIKE AND /OR STROLLER PARKING



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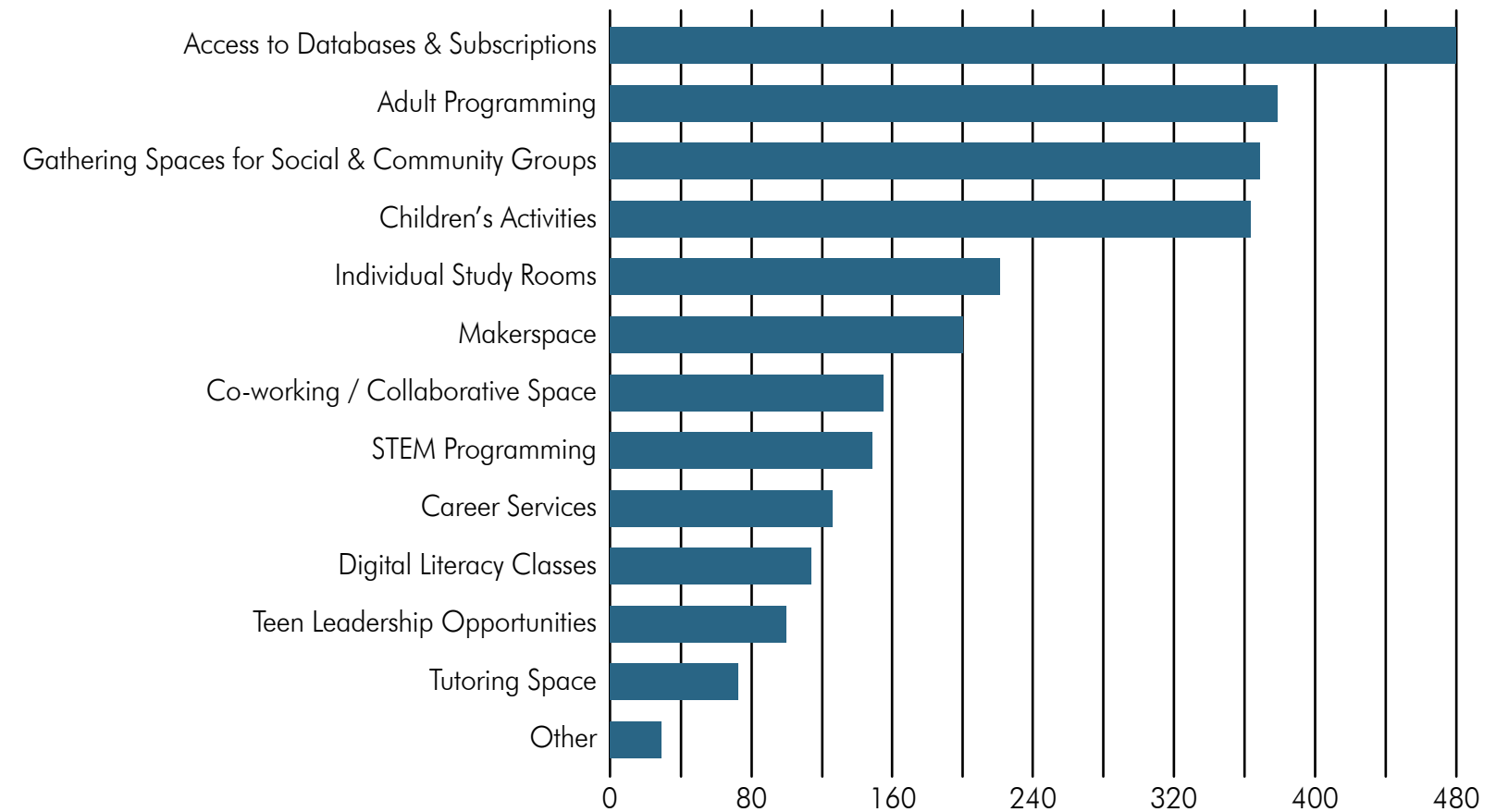


6 WHAT SERVICES, RESOURCES, PROGRAMS OR MEDIA COULD THE LIBRARY OFFER TO HELP YOU REACH YOUR PERSONAL, EDUCATIONAL OR WORK GOALS?

TAKEAWAYS:

- Participants highlighted four key areas that would best support their goals:
 - Access to databases and subscriptions**
 - Adult programming**
 - Gathering spaces for social and community groups**
 - Children's activities**
- Although not in the top four, the succeeding 3 line items, all reflect the desire for individuals and/or groups to have a dedicated space to sit and work.
 - Individual study room**
 - Makerspace**
 - Co-working/collaborative space**
- A lot of the **lower-ranked items include "people helping people" services**. While most of the community may not be looking for career services or tutoring for example, these services are still desired by some and should be considered.

Top Results for Reaching Your Goals



*"KNOWLEDGEABLE, FRIENDLY
AND HELPFUL STAFF."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER*

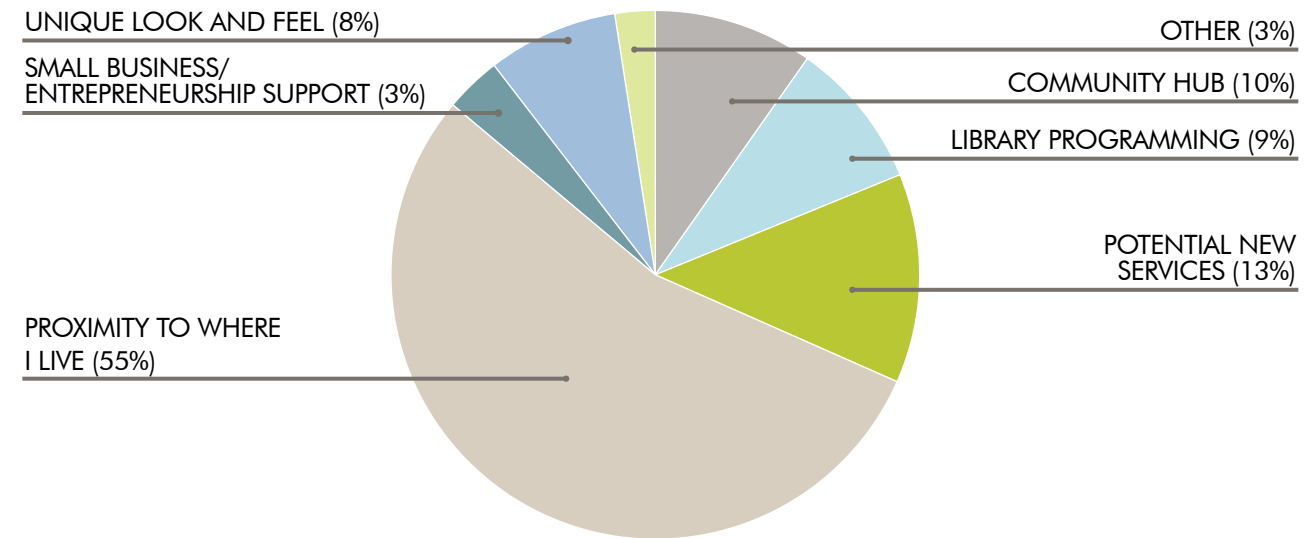
*"FINANCIAL AND CRAFT
CLASSES."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER*

*"COFFEE BAR."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER*

7 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS (IF ANY) ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT FOR YOUR NEW LIBRARY? PLEASE CHECK ONE.

TAKEAWAYS:

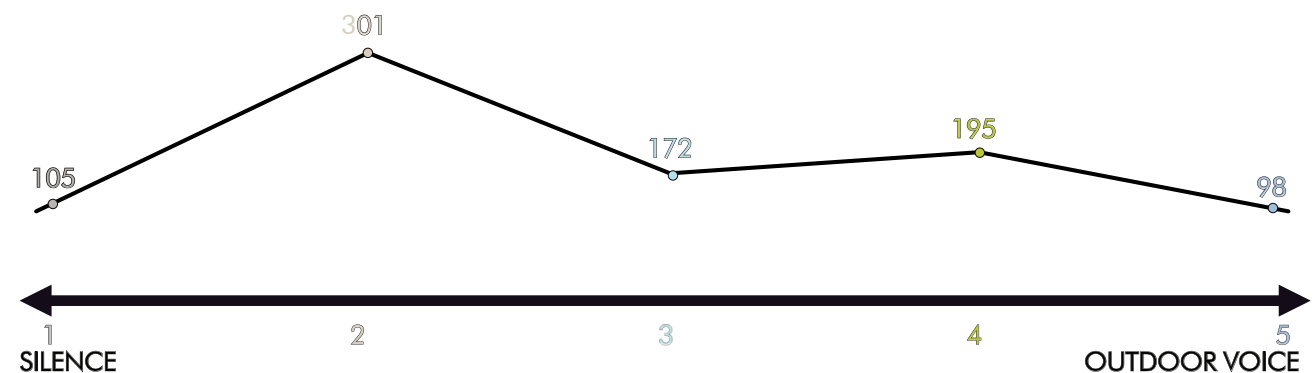
- Survey participants identified the new **location** as the primary factor for their excitement, which is not unexpected given that 88% of respondents come from surrounding communities and neighborhoods.
- Beyond the location, which is set, the community is most excited for the **library programming/services** they'll now have access to and having a **third place** that acts as a community hub.



8 CONTEMPORARY LIBRARIES HAVE QUIET / ACTIVE ZONES TO ACCOMMODATE VARIOUS USES. DO YOU TYPICALLY SPEND MORE TIME IN A QUIET SPACE OR A SPACE WITH COMFORTABLE CONVERSATION NOISE LEVEL? PLEASE INDICATE LEVEL OF LOUDNESS PREFERRED (1-5).

TAKEAWAYS:

- Survey participants gravitated to the **quieter** side of the chart for the level of noise comfort, however an overall **spread shows a balance is ideal** for the library.



9 HOW DO YOU USE THE LIBRARY AS A COMMUNITY SPACE TODAY? AND WHAT COULD THE LIBRARY OFFER TO ASSIST WITH THOSE ACTIVITIES?

TAKEAWAYS:

- Individuals use the library as a community space for **group meet-ups, study groups, library events, lectures/presentations, children's events** (like story time), and so much more.
- To support the needs of these community events, patrons need **ample gathering space options** that vary in size, function, and resources provided.

"LECTURES ON VARIOUS TOPICS, CONCERTS, COOKING CLASSES, ART SHOWS."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER

"PRIMARILY MEETING ROOMS WITH WHITEBOARDS."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER

"I MOSTLY USE THE LIBRARY WITH MY KIDS AND ENJOY STORYTIME, PAWS FOR READING, AND OTHER FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER

10 ARE YOU INVOLVED IN ANY GROUPS THAT COULD USE THE LIBRARY AS A GATHERING PLACE? IF SO, PLEASE LIST BELOW.

TAKEAWAYS:

- Participants in the survey mentioned community, educational, and social groups as primary users. Of the 446 responses, those with the highest responses were **Book Club** (80 responses), **Crafts** (37), and **Mom's/Women's/Men's Groups** (28).

"PTA COMMITTEES, SCOUTS, HOA."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER

"HOME SCHOOL GROUPS."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER

"BOOK CLUB."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER

"TUTORING GROUPS."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER

11

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN A NEW LIBRARY?

TAKEAWAYS:

Common themes from the short-answer responses received from survey participants indicate participants are most looking forward to:

- Enhanced **children's spaces** and activities.
- Improved community **gathering spaces**.
- Better **access and convenience** provided by the closer location.

*"PROGRAMS AND
COMMUNITY SPACE."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER*

*"AN UPDATED AND EXCITING
PLACE TO BRING THE FAMILY."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER*

*"ACCESS TO ALL THE SERVICES, AMENITIES,
AND RESOURCES. I WANT MY CHILD TO
UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH BEING A PART OF A
LIBRARY CAN HELP THEM IN EVERY STAGE OF
LIFE."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER*

*"CONTINUED STACKS AND
PHYSICAL MATERIALS WHILE
KEEPING UP WITH TECH ACCESS."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER*

*"ADULT CLASSES AND MAKER SPACES
THAT GIVE ACCESS TO SOFTWARE,
TOOLS, AND MACHINES THAT I WOULD
OTHERWISE NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER*

*"BETTER LOCATION. LIBRARY WITH
MORE DEDICATED PARKING SPACE."
- COMMUNITY MEMBER*

TAKEAWAYS:

Common themes from the short answer responses received from survey participants include:

- Provide **ample parking** and **easy site access**; including sidewalk connections to local paths and neighborhoods.
- Design should be **respectful** of neighbors and the environment. Although many indicate the need for better site access, some nearby neighbors are concerned with increased traffic associated with adding sidewalk connections. This should be explored further in design to determine how to increase site access while respecting adjacent private residents.
- Offer **additional amenities** like a cafe and/or makerspace.
- The services and spaces should **reflect the diverse needs and interests of the community**.



TEEN SURVEYS

PROCESS OVERVIEW & DEMOGRAPHICS

Surveys were posted to the JCPL website on January 17, 2025 and were open for input until March 3, 2025. Paper copies, in both English and Spanish, of the surveys were also available at the Columbine Library and the Bookmobile.

- A total of 1,852 community members completed surveys. 207 of those individuals were students.
- Of the 67 students who input their zip code, 75%, reside in Littleton. The remaining 25% reside in Arvada, Denver, or Westminster.
- 65% of all participants are library cardholders, and 54% frequent the library at least once a month.

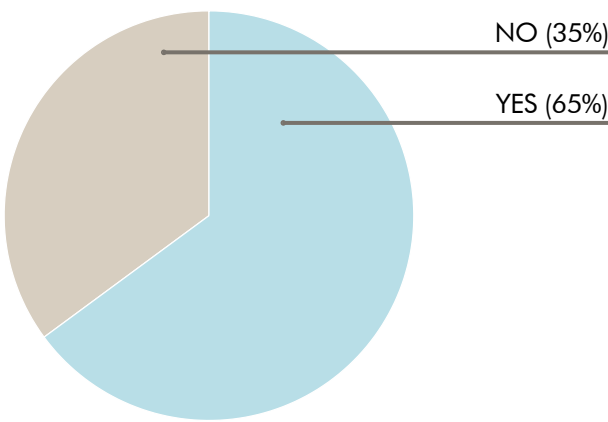
Surveys contained a variety of short-answer and multiple-choice questions. These findings highlight the importance of creating a library space that is comfortable, inclusive, and equipped with modern technology and specialized areas to meet the diverse needs of teens, including:

- **Escape and Enjoyment:** Teens appreciate the library as a place for escape, enjoyment, and excitement.
- **Specialized Areas:** Some teens mentioned using sensory areas, craft spaces, and sections for specific interests like manga and cooking books.
- **Technology and Gaming:** Desired features include gaming rooms, VR headsets, and gaming computers.

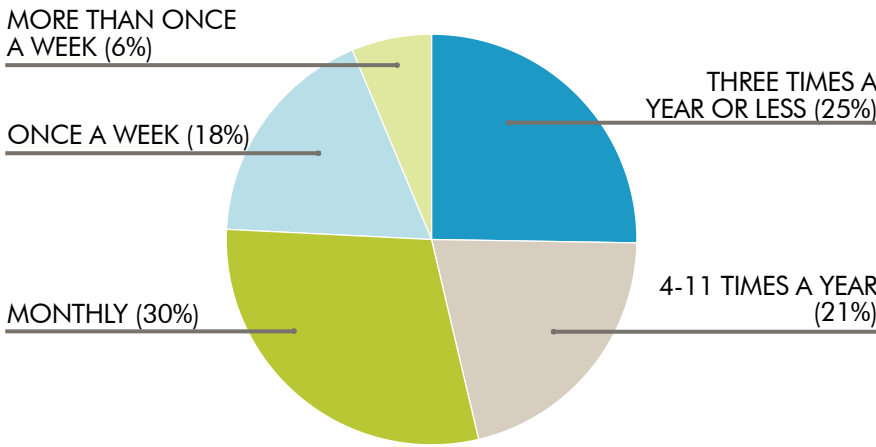
The results of the surveys showed many commonalities with the data received from the Teen Survey. A sampling is noted below:

- **Safe and Inclusive:** It's seen as a safe, inviting, and inclusive environment.
- **Study and Reading Areas:** Popular areas include reading nooks, study rooms, and quiet reading spaces.
- **Comfortable and Inviting Spaces:** Teens want cozy reading areas with comfortable seating, like bean bags and hanging chairs.

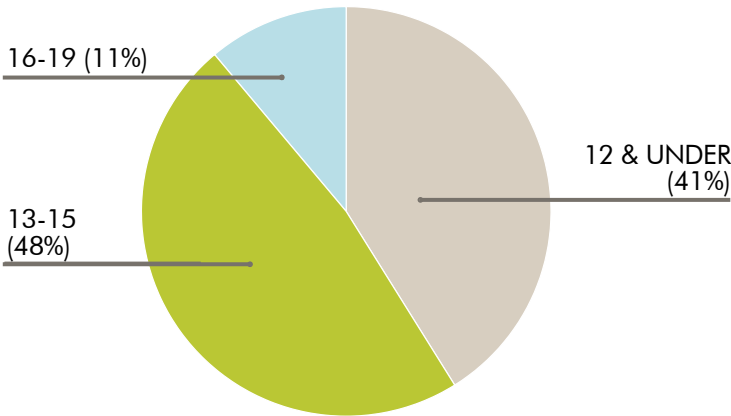
DO YOU HAVE A JCPL LIBRARY CARD?



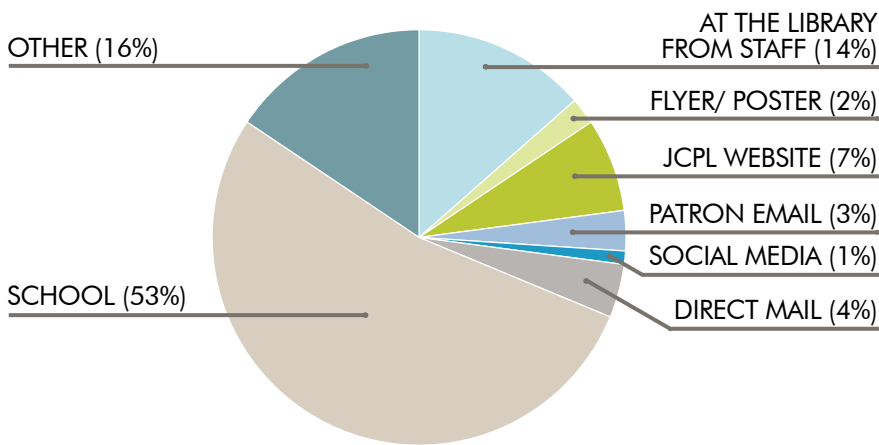
HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE A LIBRARY?



WHAT'S YOUR AGE?



HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE SURVEY?

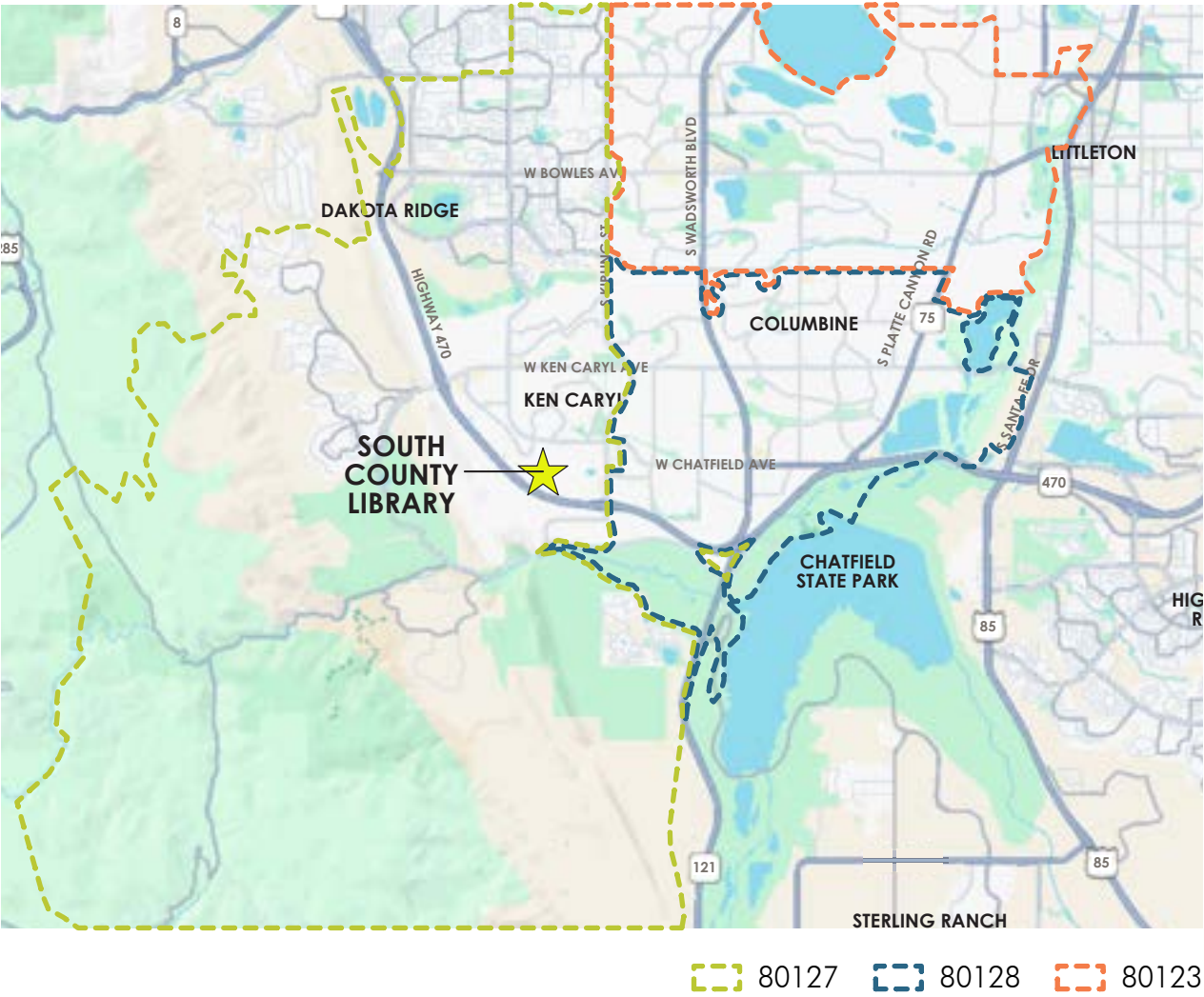
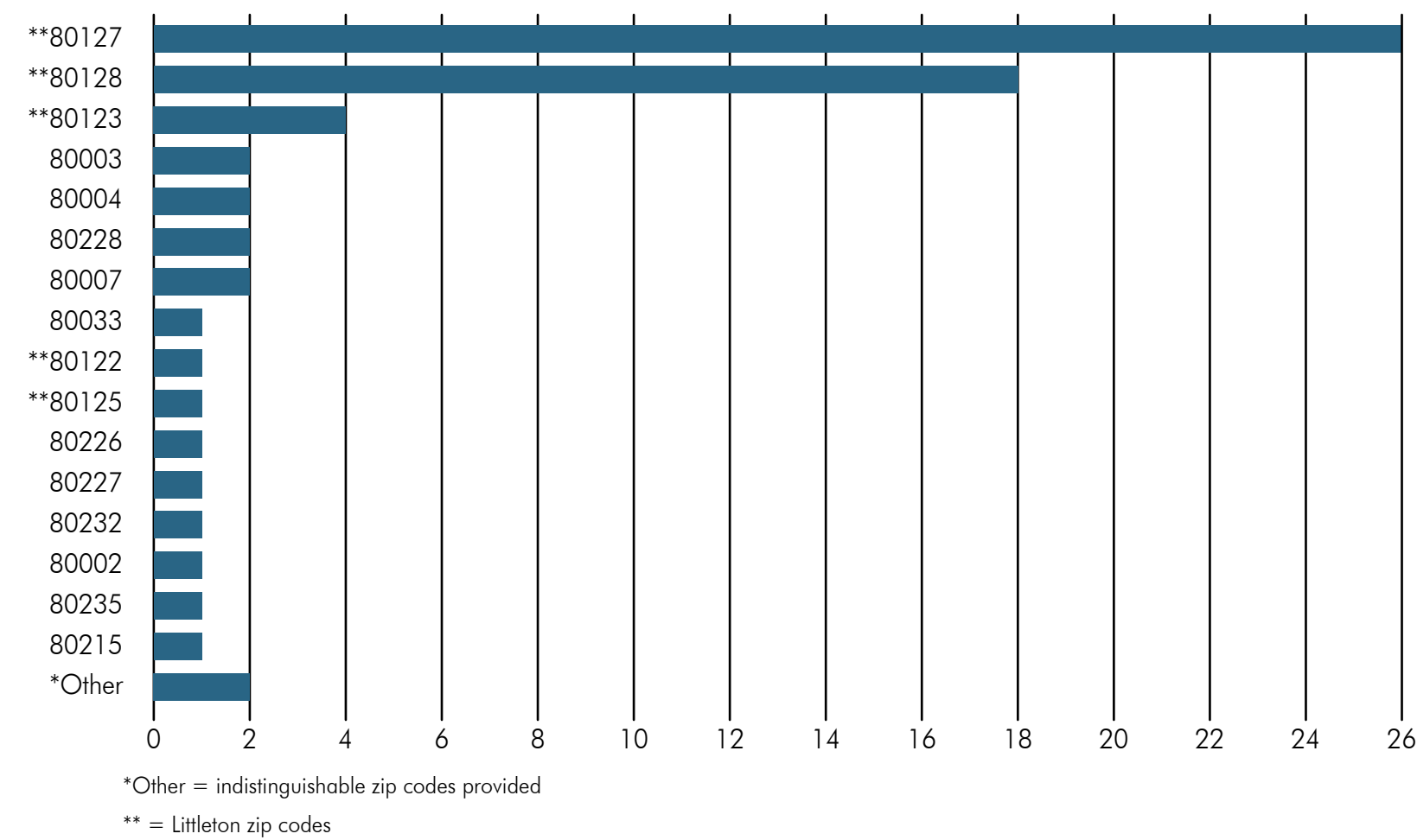


*Community English and Spanish, teen English and Spanish survey results have been incorporated into overall survey results. Full responses can be found in the appendix.

*Due to rounding, percentages are approximate and may not total 100%.

WHAT'S YOUR ZIP CODE?

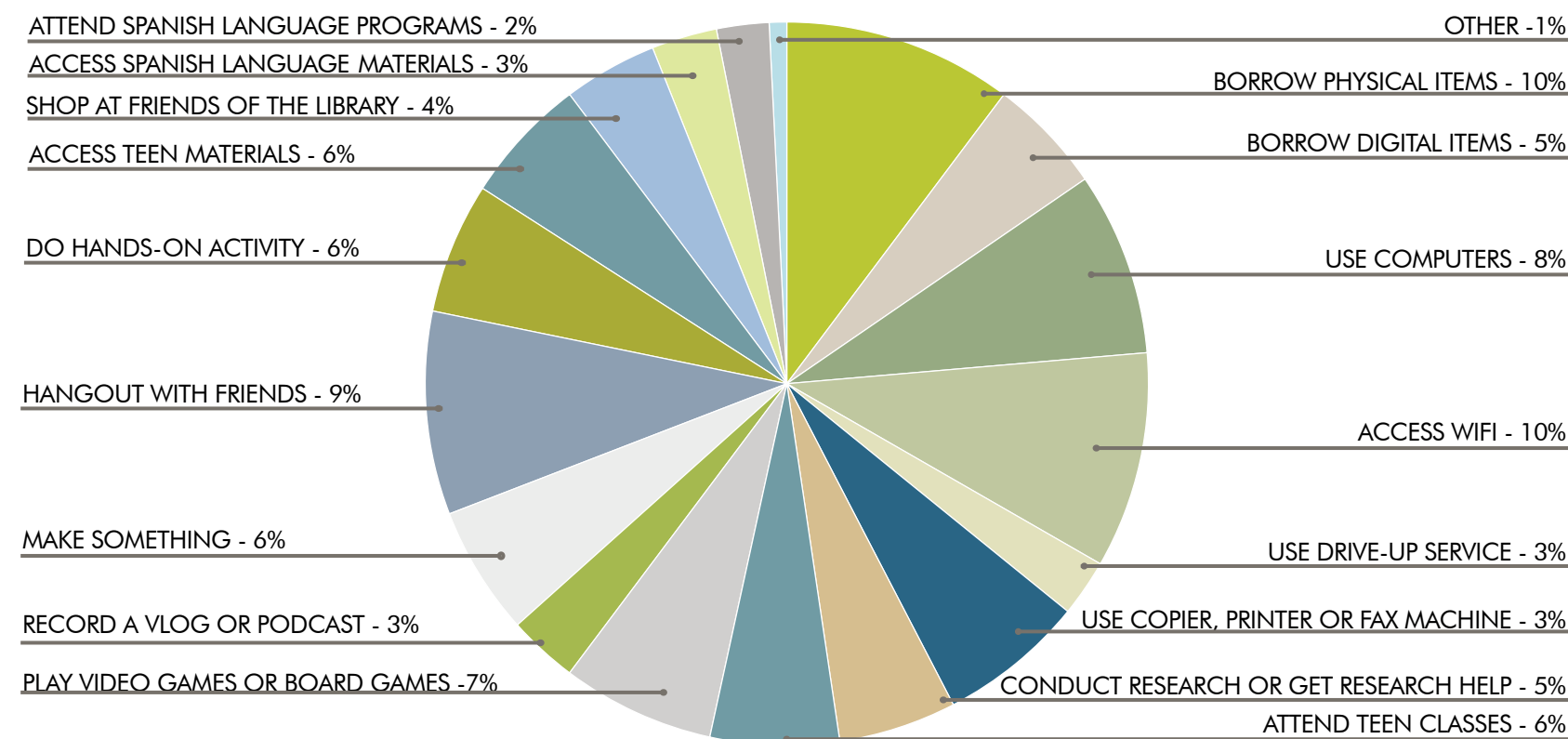
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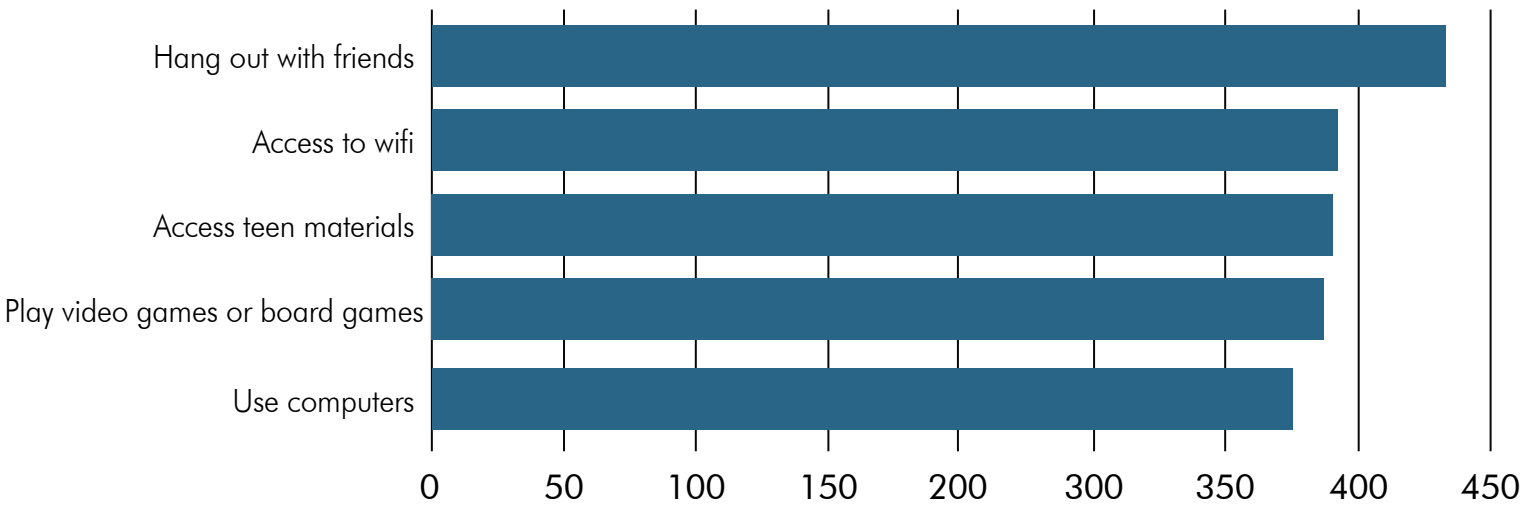
1 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING LIBRARY SERVICES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU USE AT THE NEW SOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY? RANK THE TOP FIVE THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU.

TAKEAWAYS:

- Responses from teens varied greatly.** A few comments filtered to the top, but not with resounding certainty. Due to the varied desires from this demographic, it will be challenging to personify the “stereotypical teen” for which to design.
- Although not by an extreme margin, the top comment, mentioned 383 times, was **hang out with friends**.
- A few other top comments include **access to WiFi, access to teen materials, playing video or board games, and using computers**. Perhaps in line with the digital era, 3 of the top 5 comments reference technology. However, 2 of the top 5 reference interaction with others, so a sense of community should also be considered.



Top 5 Highest Commented Uses



2 WHAT WORD(S) WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE WHAT A NEW LIBRARY IN SOUTHERN JEFFERSON COUNTY WOULD MEAN TO YOU? PLEASE INCLUDE UP TO THREE WORDS.

TAKEAWAYS:

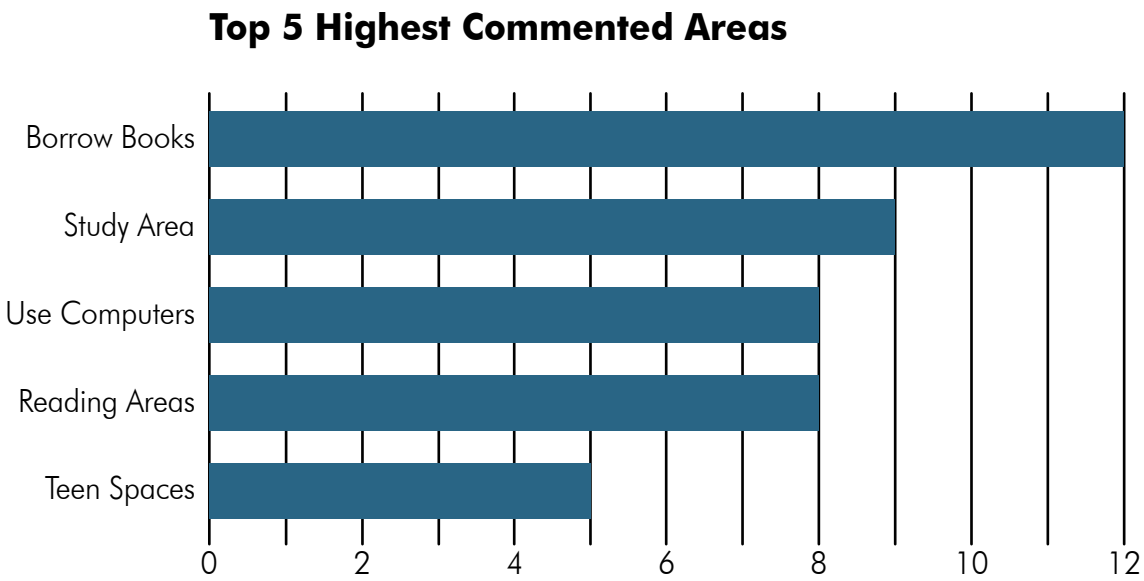
- Teens chose words that highlighted their vision for a **quiet, calm and safe environment** that can be used for both **community gatherings** as well as **learning** spaces.
- The teens also focused on a space that can be used for **social** aspects, such as hanging with friends and a way to escape.



3 WHEN VISITING A LIBRARY WHAT OTHER AREAS DO YOU REGULARLY USE (OUTSIDE THE TEEN AREA)?

TAKEAWAYS:

- Teen participants identified **borrowing books and computers**, as well as using **study and reading** areas as their biggest reason for visiting the library.



"I USE INDIVIDUAL SEATING SPOTS FOR HOMEWORK AND I USE NON-FICTION BOOKS AS RESOURCES FOR STUDYING."
- TEEN

"THE ARTS AND CRAFTS AREA, THE READING AREA, AND THE GAMING AREA."
- TEEN

"I USE THE OUTDOOR SEATING AREA A LOT."
- TEEN

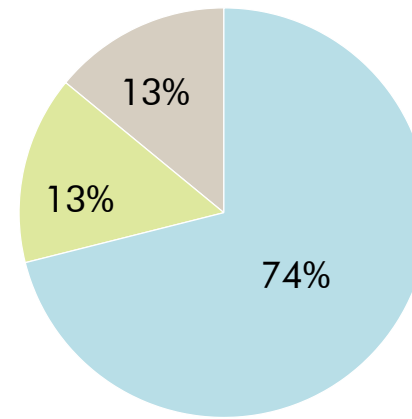
"THE COMPUTERS AND THE STUDY ROOMS."
- TEEN

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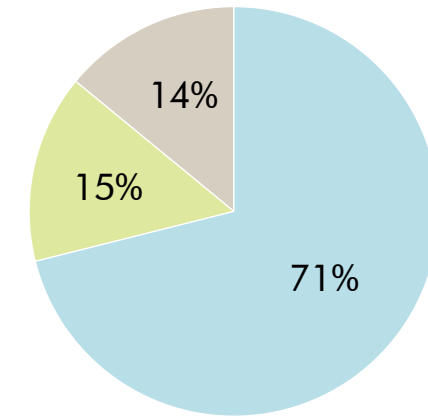
TAKEAWAYS:

- The top four spaces that appealed to participants include **outdoor spaces, study rooms, individual seating for study, and a dedicated teen area**. Of the top four, two are high-energy spaces (outdoor and maker), and two are heads-down spaces (study and teen). This indicates that the library will need to strike a **balance between loud and quiet** for all patrons to be satisfied.
- Responses receiving **under 40%** for “likely to use” include **coworking space, listening space for audiobooks or podcasts, community/meeting rooms, and digital media studio**.

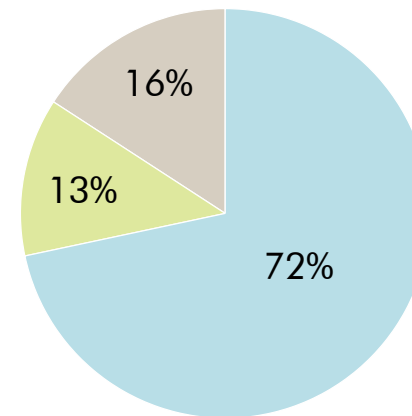
OUTDOOR SPACES



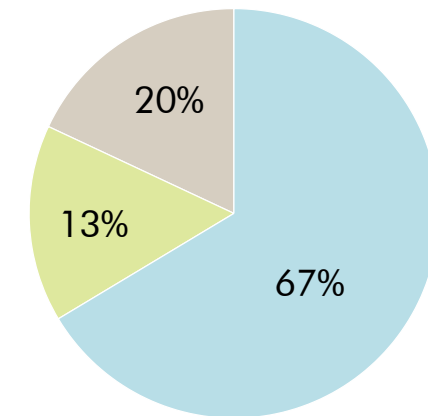
STUDY ROOMS



INDIVIDUAL SEATING FOR STUDY



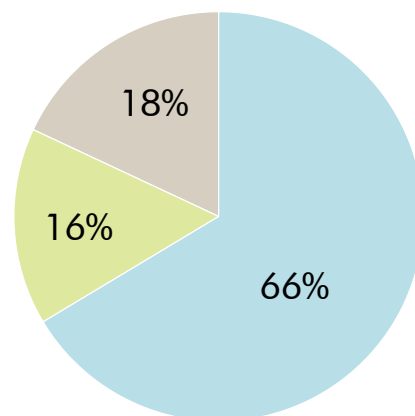
DEDICATED TEEN AREA



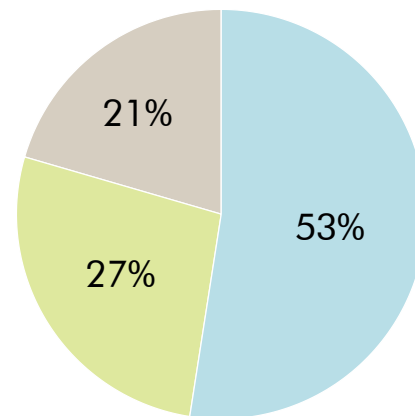
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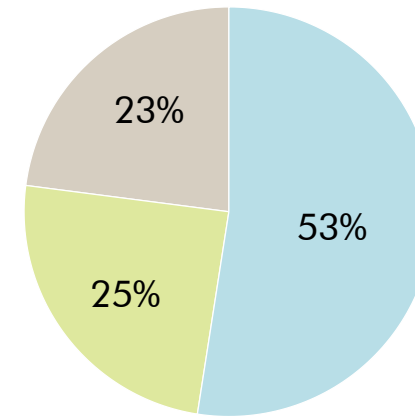
QUIET READING AREA



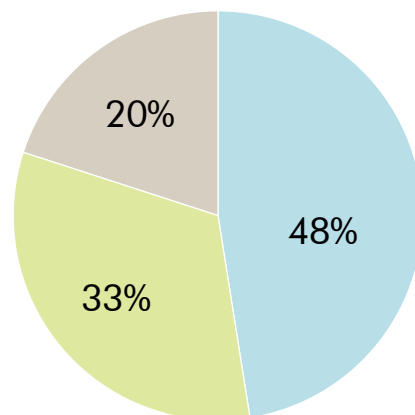
COMMUNITY GARDEN



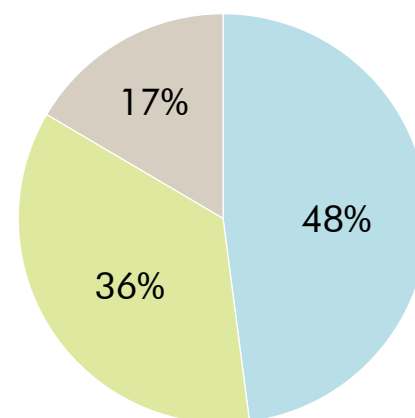
MAKERSPACE OR CREATIVE SPACE



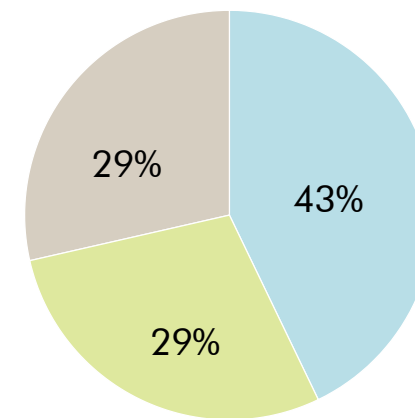
UNIQUE COLLECTIONS AREA



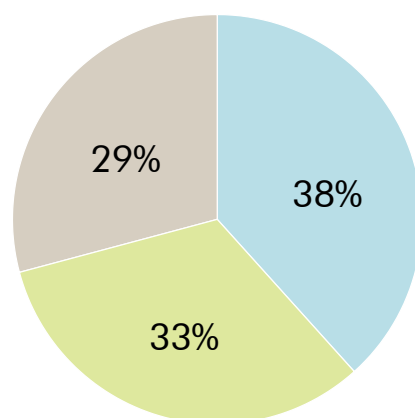
GAMING ROOM FOR MULTIPLAYER



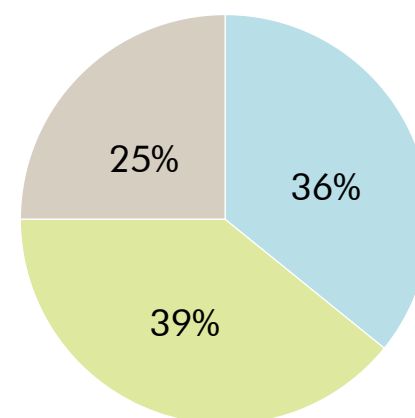
SENSORY SPACE



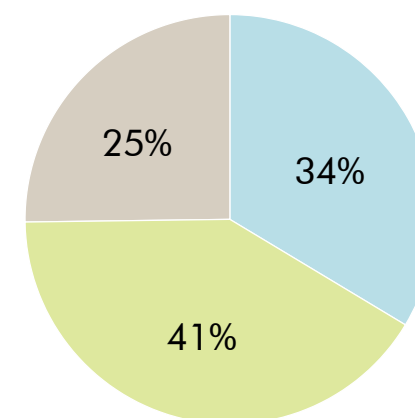
COWORKING SPACE



LISTENING SPACES FOR AUDIOBOOKS OR PODCASTS



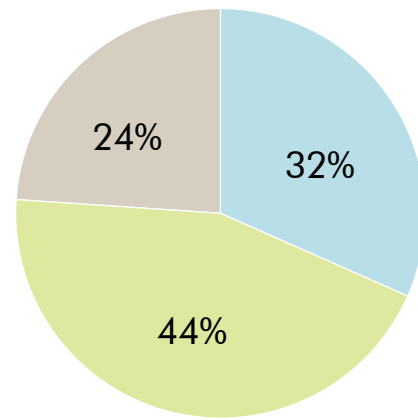
COMMUNITY/MEETING ROOMS



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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE TYPES OF SPACES THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE LIBRARY. DO ANY OF THESE APPEAL TO YOU?

DIGITAL MEDIA STUDIO



5

WHAT IS THE TOP THING THAT YOU WOULD REQUEST WE INCLUDE IN THE NEW LIBRARY? LET YOUR IMAGINATION GO WILD!

TAKEAWAYS:

- Teens came up with a plethora of fun and creative ideas for their new library spaces, ranging from **realistic additions like gaming areas, fish tanks, and gardens** to **imaginative wishes like laser tag arenas and swimming pools**, showcasing their vibrant and inventive minds.
- Many responses to this question reinforced requests teens made in other survey questions, including the need for **more study rooms, cozy reading areas**, and **outdoor space**.

*"I WANT TO HAVE MORE STUDY ROOMS. EVERYTIME I ASK FOR ONE THEY ARE FULL."
- TEEN*

*"COZY ROOMS TO READ IN WHERE THERE ARE BEAN BAGS AND HANGING CHAIRS TO SIT IN AND READ IN."
- TEEN*

*"A LOT OF BOOKS! DIFFERENT GENRES, NEW, OLD. JUST A LOT OF BOOKS. MAYBE A REALLY BIG STAIRCASE OF BOOKS!"
- TEEN*

*"A MULTIPLAYER OR SINGLE PLAYER GAME AREA."
- TEEN*

*"A SNACK AREA SO WE CAN EAT SNACKS. OR A SNACK CART."
- TEEN*

*"AN OUTDOOR SEATING PLACE WITH A LITTLE GARDEN."
- TEEN*

STAFF SURVEYS

PROCESS OVERVIEW

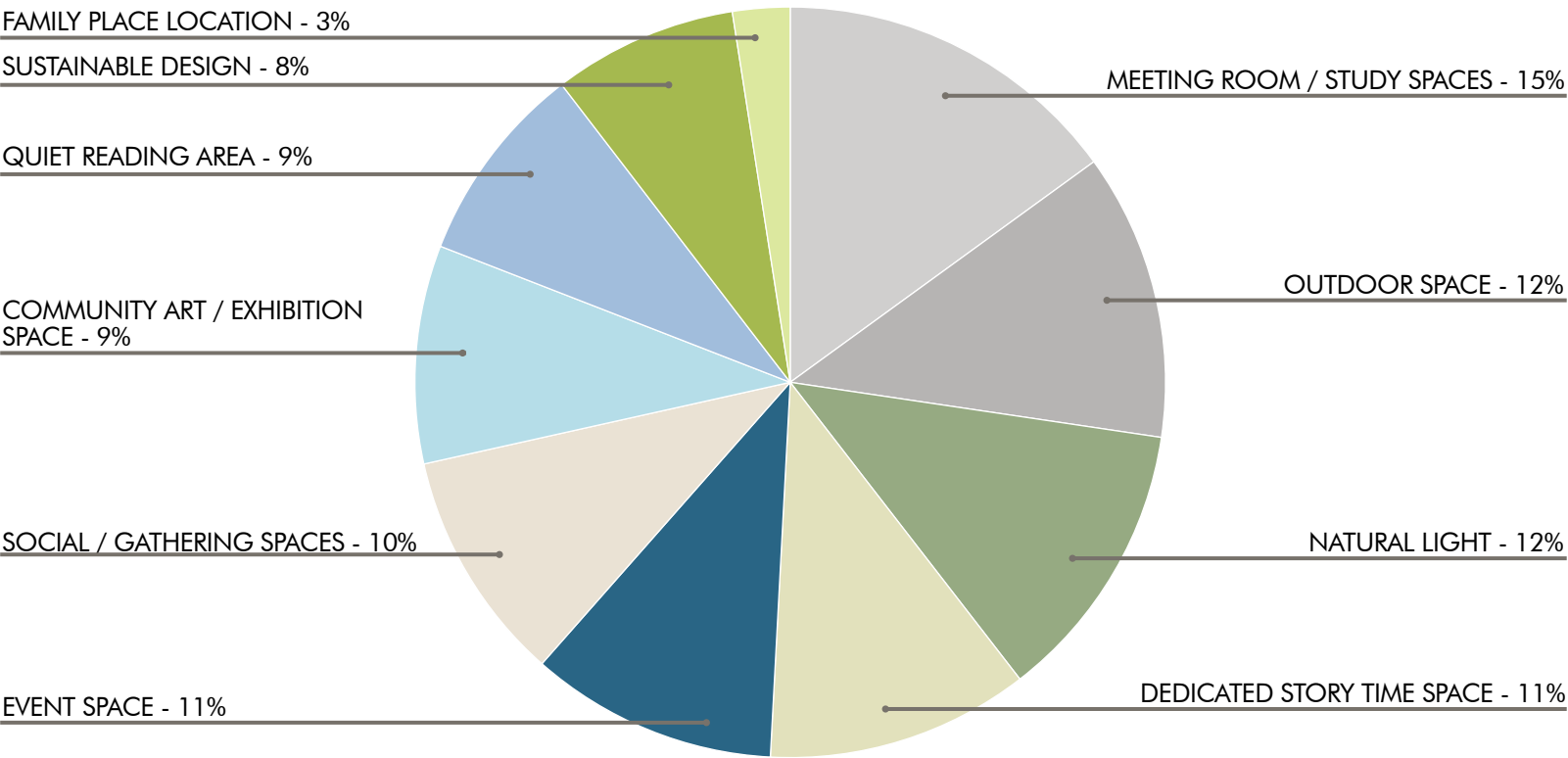
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- A total of 117 staff members completed surveys.

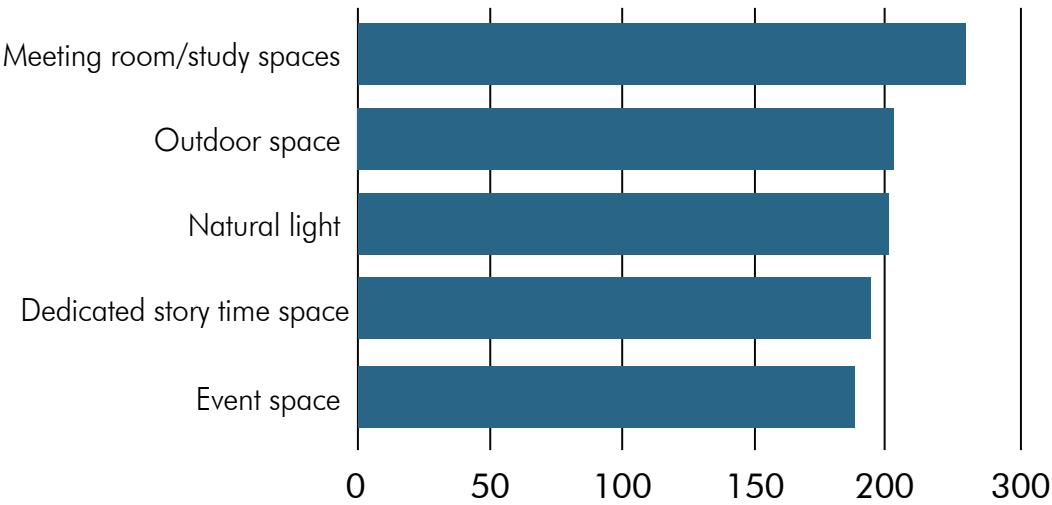
TAKEAWAYS:

- JCPL staff had diverse opinions on the most important features for the new library, with the top nine selections differing by only 7 percentage points. To meet the varied needs and preferences of the staff, a **well-balanced design will be necessary**. This approach ensures that the **new library accommodates the wide range of priorities identified by the staff**.

1 PLEASE TELL US HOW IMPORTANT THE FOLLOWING FEATURES WOULD BE IN THE NEW SOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY. (RANK YOUR TOP 5)



Top 5 Highest Commented Uses



2 THERE ARE SO MANY EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING IN LIBRARIES ALL OVER THE WORLD. YOU'VE PROBABLY READ OR HEARD ABOUT SOME INNOVATIVE IDEAS. IF YOU COULD PICK THE ONE BIG IDEA THAT WOULD MAKE A "WOW" AT THE NEW SOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

TAKEAWAYS:

- Staff spaces should be functional, inviting, and well-equipped, featuring **ample storage, comfortable seating, and quality lighting**. Staff have provided big ideas for **seed libraries, rain gardens, and other spaces dedicated to nature and the environment**. They have also requested a break room with natural lighting, dedicated meeting areas, and flexible spaces tailored for various tasks.

"I HEARD FROM A FEW PATRONS THAT HAVING A SEED LIBRARY WOULD BE COOL!"
- JCPL STAFF

"A SMALL COFFEE SHOP WOULD BE IDEAL!"
- JCPL STAFF

"A GOOD STAFF BREAKROOM."
- JCPL STAFF

"UNIQUE OUTDOOR WALKING PATH, INTEGRATED IN NATURE AND WITH LOCAL ART INSTALLATIONS."
- JCPL STAFF

3 PLEASE SHARE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS YOU HAVE FOR THE NEW LIBRARY.

TAKEAWAYS:

- Innovative and creative ideas for the new South County Library focusing on **practical workspaces** and dedicated areas for different user groups, **flexible, community-oriented spaces, advanced technology, accessibility features**, comfortable and sustainable design elements, and **additional conveniences** like stroller parking and drive-up return bins.

"I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A LARGE AUDITORIUM FOR EVENTS, MOVIE SCREENINGS, WORKSHOPS, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS."
- JCPL STAFF

"I ALWAYS LOVE A CHILDREN'S SPACE THAT CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S LITERATURE. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE MORE DÉCOR SUCH AS POSTERS, CRAFTS HANGING FROM THE CEILING, MURALS, ETC."
- JCPL STAFF

"A BROADER COLLECTION OF ITEMS INCLUDING VIDEO GAMES, SMALL INSTRUMENTS, BIRDWATCHING KITS, ART KITS, ETC."
- JCPL STAFF

SOCIAL HOURS

PROCESS OVERVIEW

SUMMARY:

In January and February of 2025, JCPL partnered with EUA and Clermont Eliot to engage with and gather feedback from local community members regarding their vision for the new South County Library. Over the course of a few weeks, the team set up a variety of informational stations around the community and recruited those interested to provide input on the Feel, Features, and Flexibility of the new library space. These events took place at Bean Fosters, Ken Caryl Bookmobile, Wild Sky Brewery, Atlas Coffee, and The Ridge Recreation Center. 127 individuals participated in these events.

AREAS OF FOCUS:

- Feel

1. What should the library feel like when you’re inside?

2. How quiet should it be?

3. How might an outdoor space serve the community?
- Features

4. Should this library be unique or similar to others in the area?

5. Are libraries a place to do things or go get things?

6. What makes a building safe and accessible?
- Flexibility

7. What would motivate you to visit the new library?

8. Who should be kept in mind when designing?

9. How should the future play into the design?

EVENTS	
01.31.25	<div>Bean Fosters</div> <div>Coffee Conversation 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.</div>
02.01.25	<div>Ken Caryl Bookmobile</div> <div>Cocoa Conversation 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</div>
02.07.25	<div>Wild Sky Brewery</div> <div>Social Hour 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.</div>
02.08.25	<div>Atlas Coffee</div> <div>Coffee Conversation 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.</div>
02.10.25	<div>The Ridge Recreation Center</div> <div>Cocoa Conversation 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.</div>

TAKEAWAYS:

- Feel - The South County Library should feel **welcoming, comfortable, and safe. Quiet spaces** (for reading and studying) and **active spaces** (for events and gathering) should both be present within the library.
- Features - The library should be **similar to other newly renovated JCPL locations, yet unique enough to distinguish it as South County.** The community expressed interest in several unique features, such as a **tool lending service, a create space, an outdoor garden, a business/technology hub, and a performance space.** Additionally, individuals interviewed also emphasized the importance of **maintaining traditional services**, such as access to physical and digital materials like books, movies, and music.
- Flexibility - To encourage community members to utilize the library, it should **provide events/activities suitable for various ages, enticing amenities** (like a coffee shop), **outdoor spaces,** and unique features and/or a **unique atmosphere.** To grow successfully as future generations grow, the library should **foster connections,** focus on joy, provide new technology, be a center for social services, and encourage readers of all ages to visit.



BEAN FOSTERS, INTERVIEW SET-UP



KEN CARYL BOOKMOBILE, COCOA CONVERSATION



ATLAS COFFEE, COCOA CONVERSATION



KEN CARYL BOOKMOBILE, INTERVIEW

DESIGN FIELD TRIPS

PROCESS OVERVIEW

SUMMARY:

JCPL partnered with EUA and Clermont Eliot to organize design field trips for 23 high school students who attend school near the new South County Library site. These community engagement events were arranged in hopes of gathering information from the teen perspective. Teens were given an overview of the project, a tour of the site, and an opportunity to voice their opinions. Regarding a library environment, students were encouraged to speak on what they would have gravitated towards as children, how they would feel supported as teens, and what they would hope to see in the future as they grow and as the world continues to change.

TAKEAWAYS:

- Feel - The library should feel **welcoming** and **comfortable** for all users. To support this goal, the space should have natural light, friendly staff, simple wayfinding, and a variety of spaces.
- Features - The library should strike a **balance between digital and physical materials. Specialty spaces**, like a create space, an outdoor garden, and/or a recording room, would be appreciated.
- Flexibility - The South County Library should provide users the spaces, programming, and tools they desire, such as **study rooms, activities, and creative-based equipment.**



DESIGN FIELD TRIP

CAPSTONE WORKSHOPS

PROCESS OVERVIEW

It was important to JCPL, EUA, and Clermont Eliot to gather input from the community regarding the Look & Feel of the new South County Library.

Capstone Workshops were promoted by JCPL through a number of avenues including social media, email blasts to patrons and community contacts, signs at the Columbine Library, event calendar entry on the JCPL website, direct mail postcard, postings at local businesses, radio and internet advertising, project page updates, and interactions with patrons.

The goal of the Capstone Workshops was to obtain information regarding the Look & Feel of the new Library with a focus on:

- Site and access
- Outdoor spaces and amenities
- Physical spaces within the library

The majority of questions were formatted to receive dot voting with options to also provide written and / or verbal responses. Results of dot voting are shown on the summary of each image.

CAPSTONE WORKSHOP RESULTS

In-person Capstones were formatted as an interactive workshop where patrons had the opportunity to engage with our facilitators at three different stations, plus attend a walking tour of the new space. The process consisted of hosting multiple stations in the meeting rooms of both the Bradford building and Columbine Library over two Saturdays in February and March.

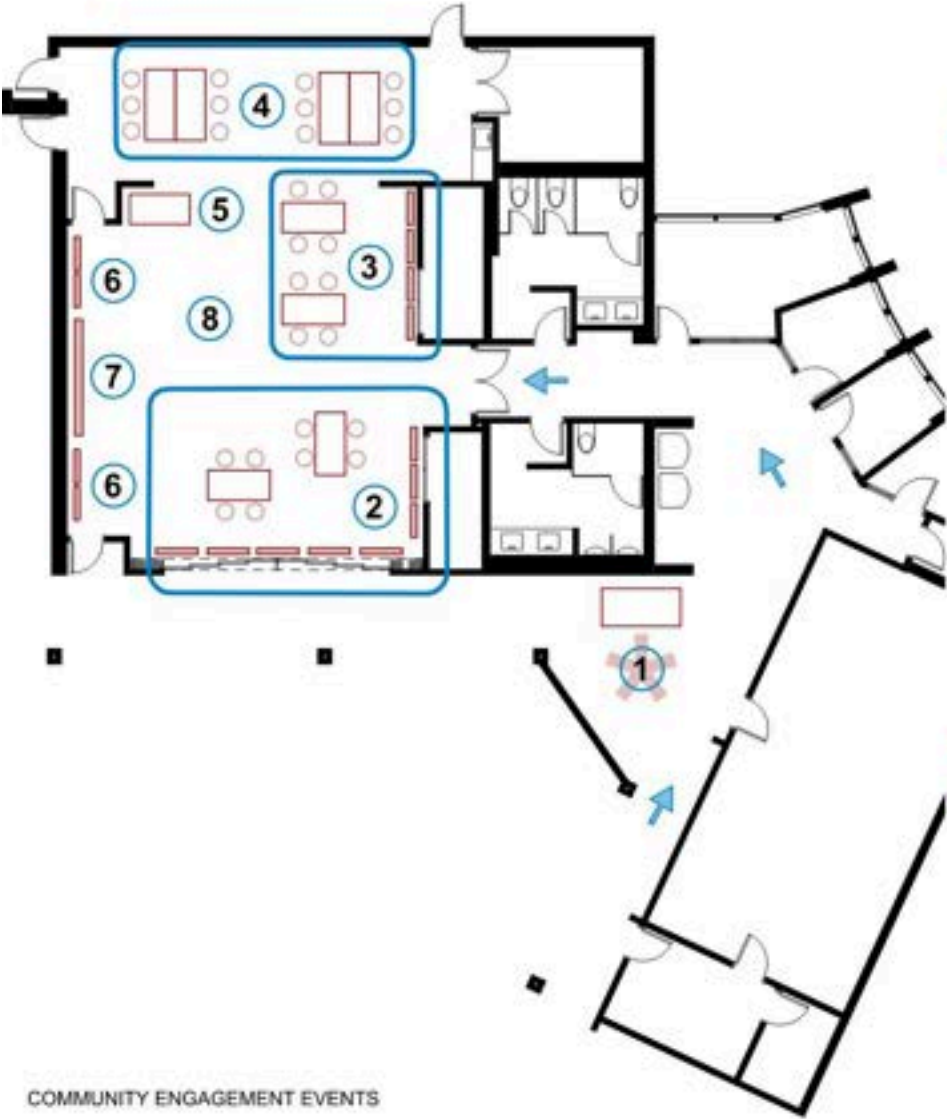
At each station, a series of boards were displayed on the wall where patrons could vote on a range of images using red and green dots, while leaving comments on ‘stickies’ for elements they liked or disliked. Questions accompanied the imagery in the hopes of stirring ideas and opening people’s minds to fresh perspectives.

JCPL hired a Graphic Recorder Illustrator, Debbie DeLue, to capture feedback at the in-person meetings. A combined visual representation of the two in-person community meetings is shown below, capturing the sentiment of the community. The full findings and comments are found in the appendix at the end of this report.



CAPSTONE OPEN HOUSE 02.22.25

OPEN HOUSE LAYOUT



1 WELCOME TABLE

JCPL team members are available to welcome you to the Community Engagement Event. Team members can introduce attendees to the various activity zones and help you navigate the space. Additionally, a QR code linking to the online community survey is available below.

2 LIBRARY DESIGN

Target Audience: Adults + Teens + Kids

Site & Design boards and tables are set up with a focus on the new library site. Attendees will be asked various questions pertaining to the building design, site, amenities and wayfinding. Grab some 'dots' and enjoy!

Purpose: The Design Team will be gathering information on how to transform the exterior of the library.

Library Spaces zone will feature boards with inspirational images focused on the interior of the library. Attendees are asked to place a 'dot' and/or 'sticky note' next to photos they like or dislike and explain 'why'.

Green Dots/Sticky Note = Likes
Red Dots/Sticky Note = Dislikes

Purpose: The Design Team will be gathering information on how the interior could be designed using inspirational images from around the globe.

3 ACTIVITY (PUZZLE PLAY)

Target Audience: Adults + Teens + Kids

The Design Team has a station set up to allow attendees the opportunity to place program elements (i.e. children's, adult, study, etc.) on a "map" of the building. This will allow attendees the opportunity to discuss why certain programs fit within the new building.

4 KID'S ACTIVITIES

A station with fun drawing and coloring activities for the kids.

5 SNACK TABLE

Snacks and drinks are available for event participants.

6 SITE PHOTOS

Photos are available to show the existing conditions of what will become the new South County Library. Previously a distribution & sales facility, the new library will occupy approximately 32,000 square feet of the existing 60,000 square foot building.

7 VIDEO SCREEN / VIEWING AREA

Watch a special video created by Warren Tech South students. You'll see highlights from community input gathered thus far on the South County branch.

8 GRAPHIC NOTE TAKER

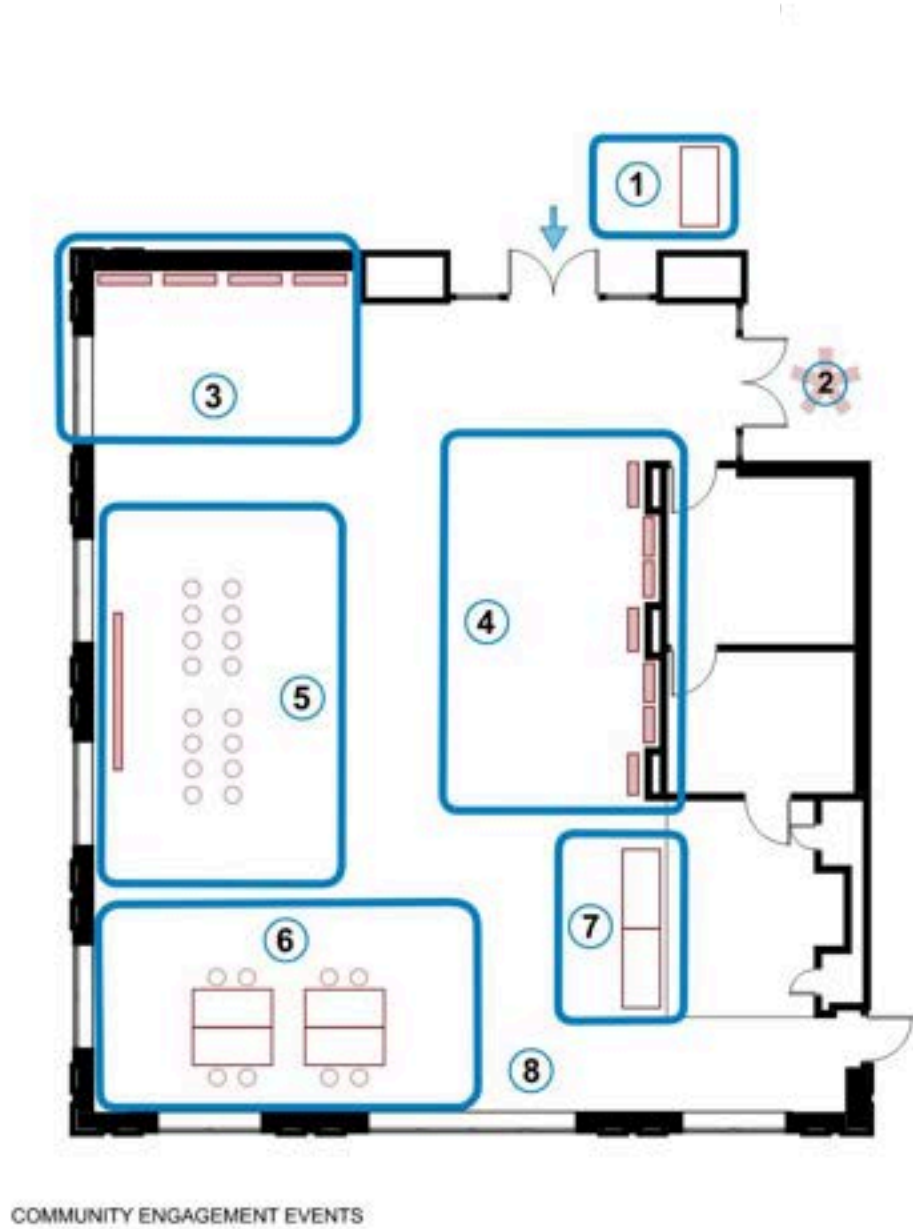
The library has a graphic note taker to draw and capture a graphic representation of the day's events.

Purpose: The graphic note taker will be using illustrations to visually summarize conversations from both community engagement events.



CAPSTONE OPEN HOUSE 03.01.25

OPEN HOUSE LAYOUT



1 WELCOME TABLE

JCPL team members will be available to welcome people to the Community Engagement Event. Team members will introduce everyone to the various activity zones and provide a handout to help people navigate the space. Additionally, a QR code linking to the online community survey will be available for attendees to scan.

2 LIBRARY TOURS

A brief building tour is available to all attendees. The Tour will start in the hallway south of the meeting room, look at the typical office spaces before proceeding into the current truck bays. The tour is recommended to help visitors understand the uniqueness of the building.

3 SITE SPACES

Target Audience: Adults + Teens + Kids

Boards and tables are set up with a focus on the new library site. Attendees will be asked various questions pertaining to the exterior of the building. Building design, site amenities and wayfinding will be just a few of those areas of focus.

Purpose: The Design Team will be gathering information on how to transform the exterior of the library.

4 LIBRARY SPACES

Target Audience: Adults + Teens + Kids

This zone will feature boards with inspirational images focused on the interior of the library. Attendees will be asked to place a 'dot' and/or 'sticky note' next to photos they like or dislike and explain 'why'.

Green Dots/ Sticky Note = Likes
Red Dots/Sticky Note = Dislikes

Purpose: The Design Team will be gathering information on how they want the interior to be programmed and feel using inspirational images from around the globe.

5 VIDEO SCREEN/ VIEWING AREA

Students from Warren Tech will be showing the video testimonial captured to date at all JCPL Community Engagement Events. Attendees will be able to see comments and ideas received to date in a video format.

6 ACTIVITY (PUZZLE PLAY)

Target Audience: Adults + Teens + Kids

The Design Team will have a station set up to allow attendees the opportunity to place program elements (ie Children's, Adult, study, etc...) on a "map" of the building. This will allow attendees the opportunity to discuss why certain programs fit within the new building.

7 SNACK TABLE

Snacks and drinks were available for event participants.

8 GRAPHIC NOTE TAKER

The library will have a graphic note taker to draw and capture a graphic representation of the days events.

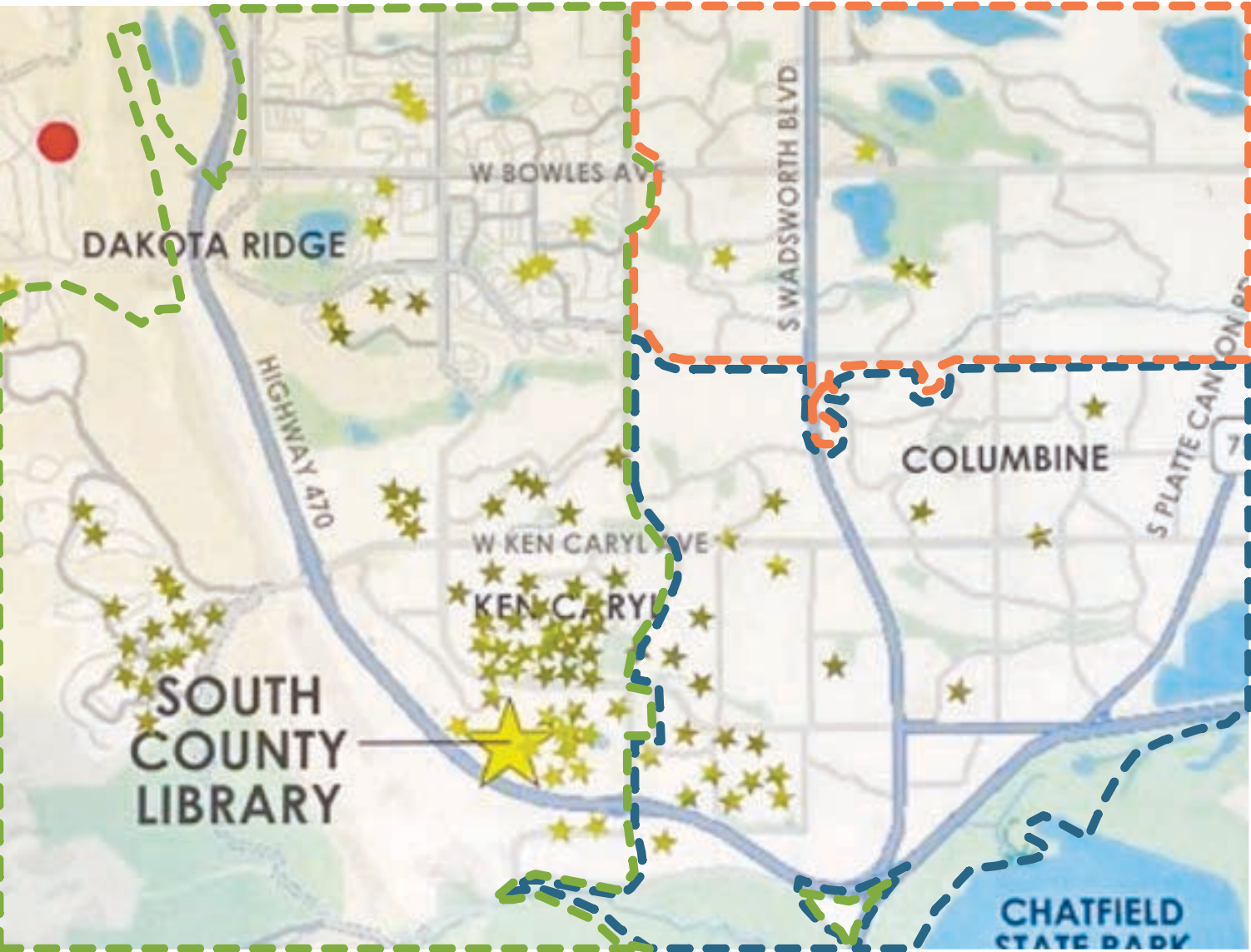
Purpose: The graphic note taker will be using illustrations to visually summarize conversations from both community engagement events.



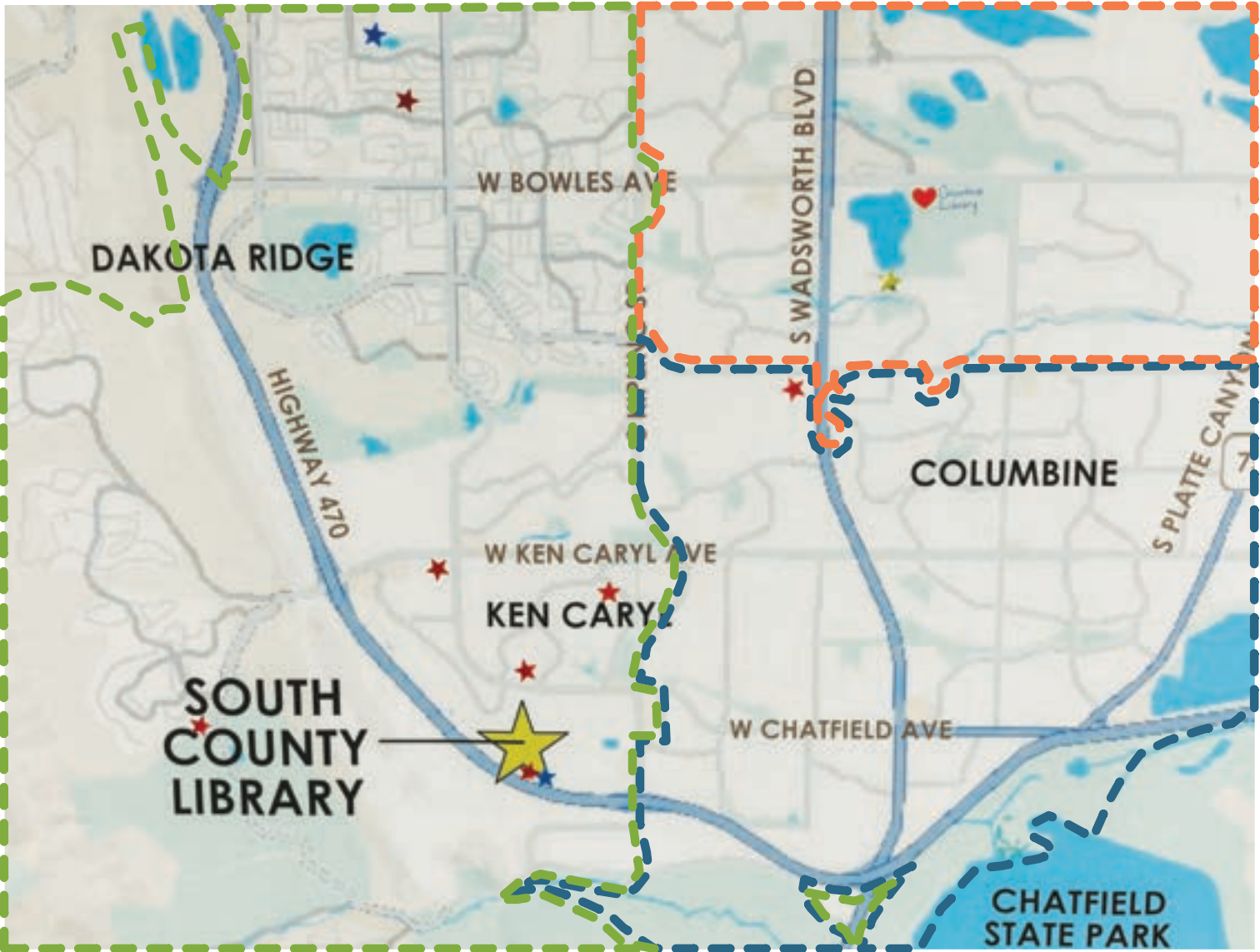
WHAT'S YOUR ZIP CODE?

Zip Code Analysis
Participants: 109

80127 80128 80123



MAP FROM 02.22.25 CAPSTONE | Participants: 99



MAP FROM 03.01.25 CAPSTONE | Participants: 10

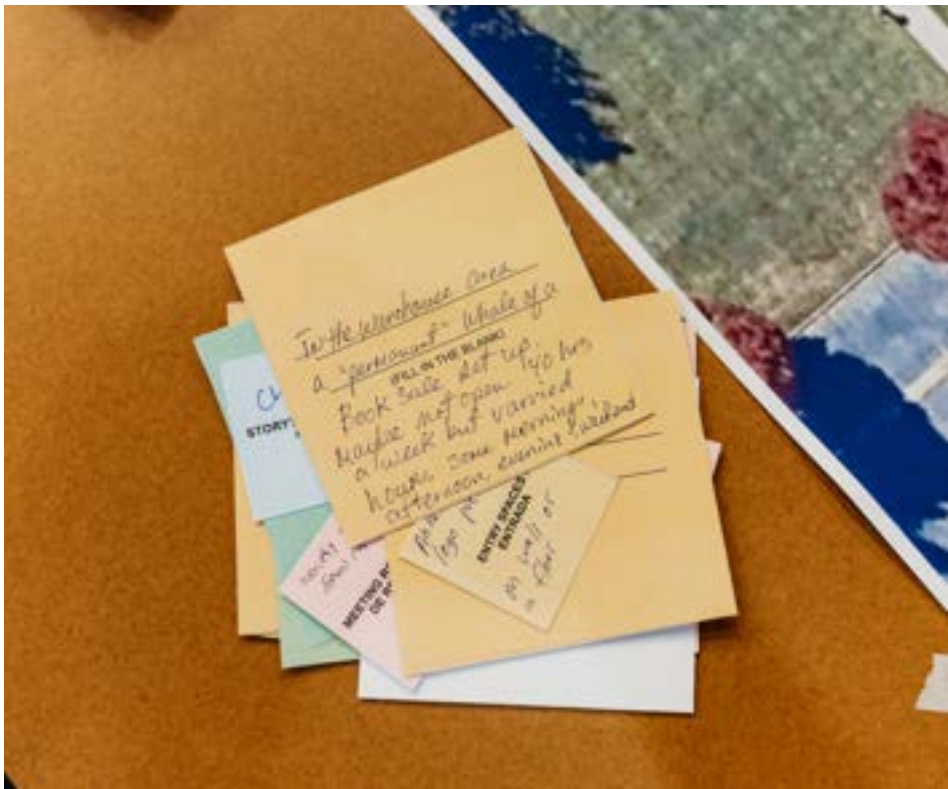
PUZZLE PLAY

SUMMARY:

At this station participants were guided to "maps" of either a site plan or a floor plan of the new library. Equipped with colorful blocks representing different program elements, participants were encouraged to place these blocks on the map. The goal? To creatively and strategically identify the best fit, or location, for each space. This engaging activity sparks lively discussions, fosters teamwork, and unleashes everyone's inner designer, making the planning process both fun and productive!



02.22.25 CAPSTONE



03.01.25 CAPSTONE



PUZZLE PLAY - SITE PLAN

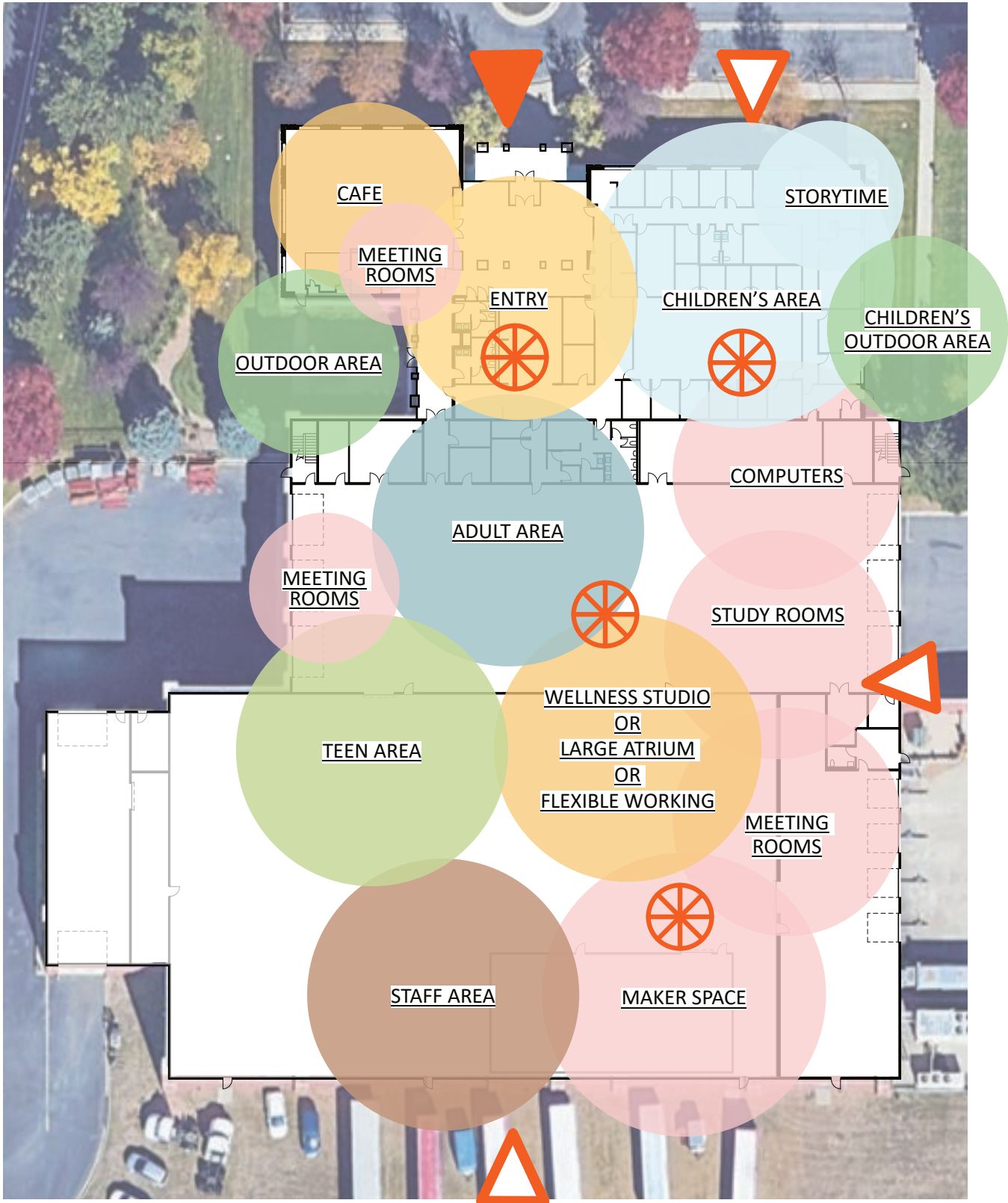


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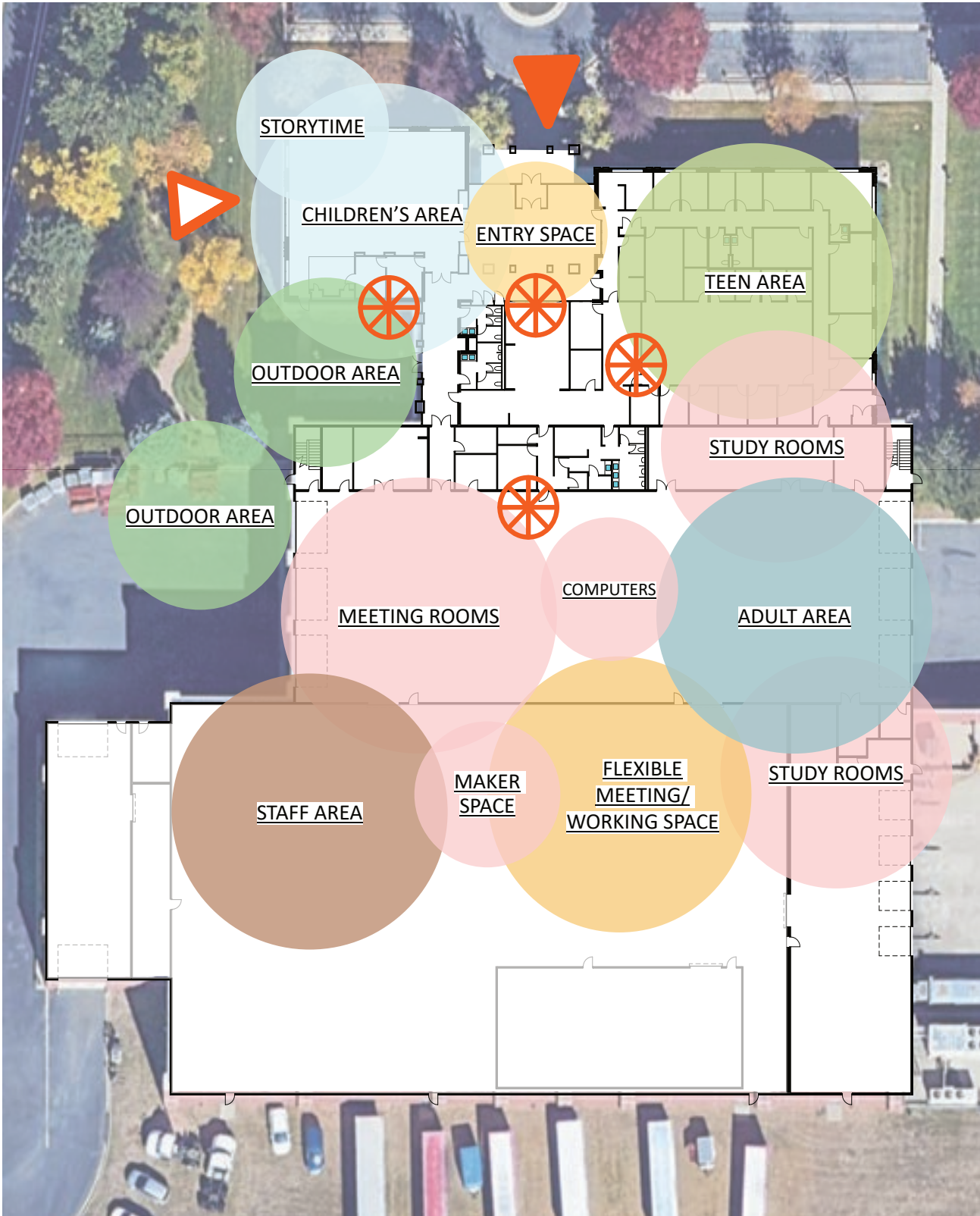


MAP FROM 03.01.25 CAPSTONE

PUZZLE PLAY - FLOOR PLAN



PUZZLE PLAY 02.22.25 CAPSTONE



PUZZLE PLAY 03.01.25 CAPSTONE

LOOK AND FEEL

SUMMARY:

At the Look and Feel activity, participants were presented with images from other libraries to stir thinking about what they would like (or not like) to see at the new South County Library. Various boards had questions alongside to prompt feedback. Participants voted using red (dislike) and green (liked) dots on which style, amenities and spaces they hoped to see. Additionally they were given the opportunity to write their thoughts on sticky notes and place them by the associated photo. Many valuable thoughts and opinions were gathered, the next several pages highlight the key takeaways from each section.



02.22.25 CAPSTONE



03.01.25 CAPSTONE



LOOK AND FEEL

AMENITIES

What amenities would you like to see on site?



118

• "I THINK A CAFE WOULD BE GREAT FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED TO WORK"

6

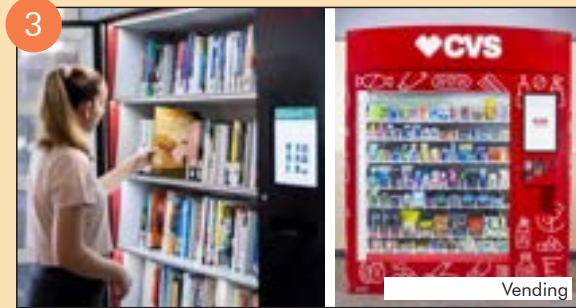
• "COFFEE/ ESPRESSO BAR, THUMBS UP."



88

• "COMBINE SOME OF THESE- GRAB & GO WITH CAFÉ"

5



14

5



32

• "A WELLNESS SPACE OFFERING FREE YOGA WOULD BE GREAT"

1



37

• "A HANGOUT FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES"

9

• "A SPACE GOOD FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES"

TOP 3 RESULTS



118 Votes



88 Votes



37 Votes

TAKEAWAYS:

- Participants selected two primary images with most votes going towards food service either as a café or Grab and Go Market. Participants noted that these spaces support other visitor functions whether it be social or professional.
- The next amenity participants were most interested in was having an outdoor children's play space.

LOOK AND FEEL

ADULT

What would you like to see in the adult section at the South County Library?



27

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- “LOVE THE LIVE PLANTS”
- “I THINK A CAFE WOULD BE GREAT FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED TO WORK”
- “CHAIRS IN BETWEEN STACKS FOR RESTING/MOBILITY CONCERNS. HELP GIVE SOME PREDICTABILITY OF SPACE”



115

2

- “OPEN SEATING WITH OUTSIDE VIEW”



71

1

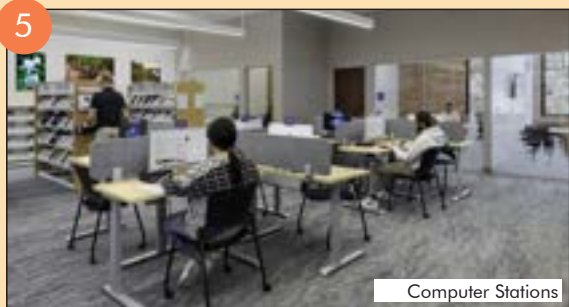
- “COMFY CHAIRS W/ A READING LIGHT (FOR SENIOR READERS)”
- “LIKE CASUAL SPACES FOR INFORMAL GATHERINGS”



49

2

- “I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME TALL TABLES IN NONFICTION SECTION, TO FACILITATE BROWSING SIMILAR BOOKS TO DECIDE WHICH TO CHECKOUT”



42

4

TOP 3 RESULTS



115 Votes



71 Votes



49 Votes

TAKEAWAYS:

- Participants were drawn to images that emphasized exterior connection along with casual seating areas and daylight.

LOOK AND FEEL

OUTDOOR SPACE

What do you envision for the outdoor space(s) at South County Library?



100

4

- "I WOULD TODAY USE THIS SPACE WORK/ READ AREA"



85

3

- "OUTDOOR ENGAGEMENT IN THE BACK IS NOT DESIRABLE TO HOMEOWNERS FACING THE BUILDING, BEST USE FOR US IS TREES OR LANDSCAPING"



55

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24

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- "FUN FOR EVERYONE"



65

7

- "A GATHERING PLACE FOR COMMUNITY"

TOP 3 RESULTS



100 Votes



85 Votes



65 Votes

TAKEAWAYS:

- Outdoor spaces were very well received and participants generally gravitated to the more social spaces and feel.

LOOK AND FEEL

TRANSPORTATION

How do you plan to visit the site?



73

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- “LINK WALKABLE PATHS TO MEADOW RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD AND NATURE TRAILS AT THE OLD DEER CREEK GOLF SPACE”
- “CROSS WALK!”



45

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- “ADD A BIKE TRAIL TO CONNECT TO THE C-470 TRAIL”
- “BIKE RACKS OR BIKE GARAGE :)”



93

1

- “ADEQUATE PARKING IS A MUST!”
- “BIG SIGNAGE ON CHATFIELD GOOGLE TAKES US AROUND A BACK WAY- VERY CONFUSING”



17

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TOP 3 RESULTS



93 Votes



73 Votes



45 Votes

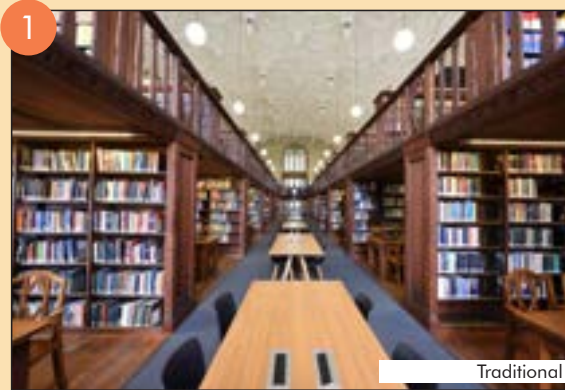
TAKEAWAYS:

- While personal vehicles remain the primary mode of transportation for participants, many also walk from local neighborhoods. To accommodate everyone's needs, the library should provide ample bicycle and other storage options on-site.

LOOK AND FEEL

BUILDING DESIGN STYLE

What design style do you prefer for the South County Library?



83

• “BUT MUST HAVE NATURAL LIGHT!!”

6

• “I LIKE THE MODEL SHOWING 2ND LEVEL SPACE- IF THIS IS POSSIBLE!”



54

• “LOTS OF WINDOWS!”

7

• “KEEP EVERYTHING LIGHT AND BRIGHT ESPECIALLY ENTRANCE. CARPETING KEEP NOISE DOWN”



39

8



13

• “NOT GOOD FOR OLDER ADULT OR HANDICAP”

37

TOP 3 RESULTS



83 Votes



54 Votes



39 Votes

TAKEAWAYS:

- Participants favored a traditional design, followed closely by a transitional style. Based on the feedback received, traditional elements are more appreciated in terms of materials and physical items, while the overall design leans towards a transitional or contemporary feel. This blend aims to create a space that honors classic library aesthetics while embracing modern design principles.

LOOK AND FEEL

TEEN

What would you like to see in the teen section at South County Library?



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• "SO TEEN CAN BE LOUD & SOCIAL- AS THEY NEED TO BE!"

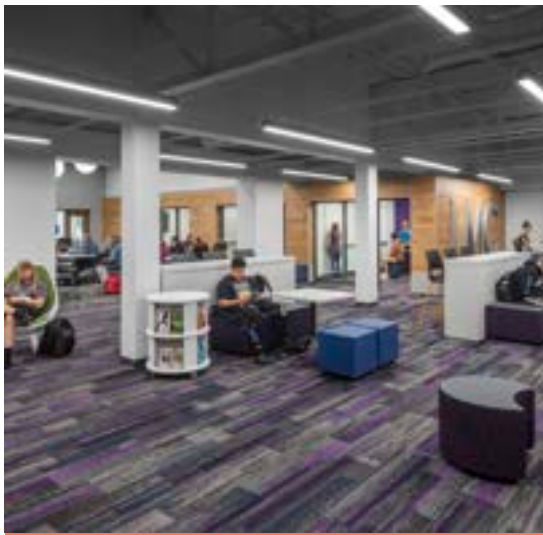
• "GAMING! I AM A TEEN"

• "I'M HERE TO READ NOT PLAY VIDEO GAMES"

• "LOVE TO SEE MORE COLLAB SPACE FOR TEENS"

• "A TEEN LED 3RD SPACE WITH FREE POOL/ FOOSBALL AND AREAS FOR STUDY"

TOP 3 RESULTS



45 Votes



36 Votes



29 Votes

TAKEAWAYS:

- Voting for the teen space showed a wide range of preferences among participants. However, the open teen space received the fewest votes, with most participants favoring an enclosed area.

LOOK AND FEEL

CHILDREN’S

What would you like to see in the children’s section at South County Library?



47

- “AUTHOR EVENTS”

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19

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34

- “SENSORY STUFF”
- “DON’T FORGET TO INCLUDE AREA/ TABLES TO SERVE UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS”

11



37

- “INDOOR PLAY AREA (LOOK AT ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MO FOR IDEAS)”

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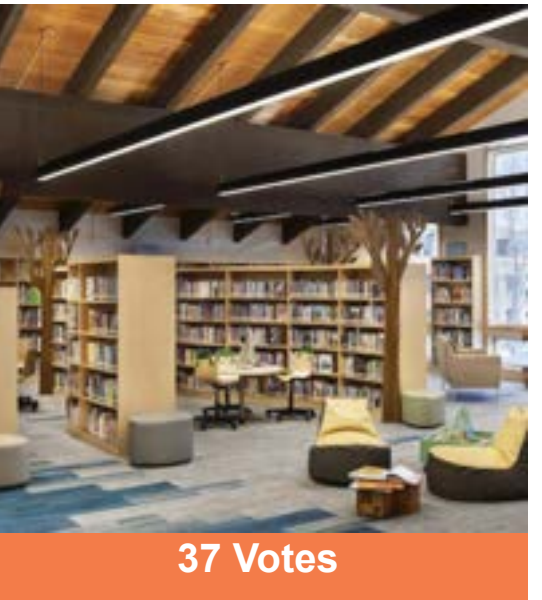
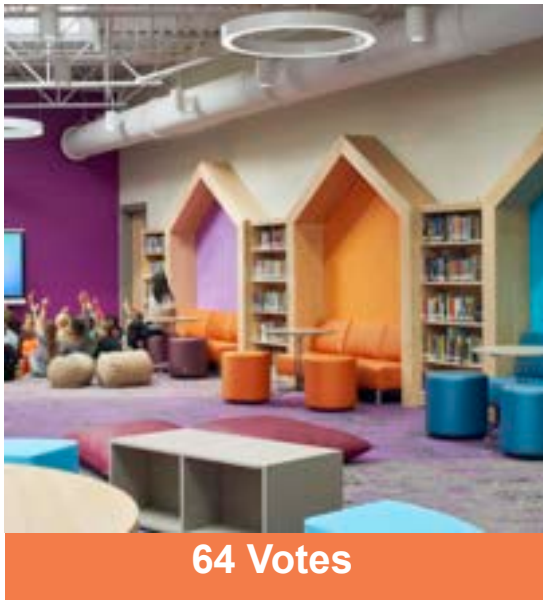


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- “LARGE ENOUGH SPACE FOR STORY TIME- TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SPACE FOR STROLLERS COLUMBINE’S IS WAY TOO SMALL. A DEDICATED STORYTIME SPACE WOULD BE AWESOME!”

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TOP 3 RESULTS



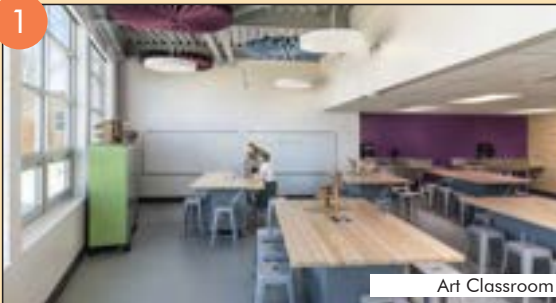
TAKEAWAYS:

- Participants envision the children's area as a vibrant space where fun, flexible seating, and playful nooks support Story Time and other children's activities. This design aims to create an engaging and dynamic environment that fosters creativity and learning.

LOOK AND FEEL

MAKER & TECHNOLOGY

What would you envision for a maker/technology space at South County Library?



67

2

45

2

49

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• "SMALL, SOUND PROOF ROOMS TO RESERVE"

• "KIDS & TRADE SKILLS CLASSES? HOW FUN!"

• "TOOLS AND CLASSES TO LEARN"

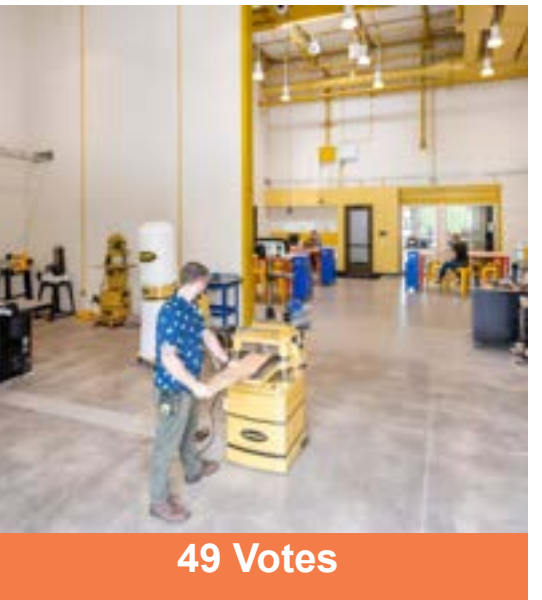
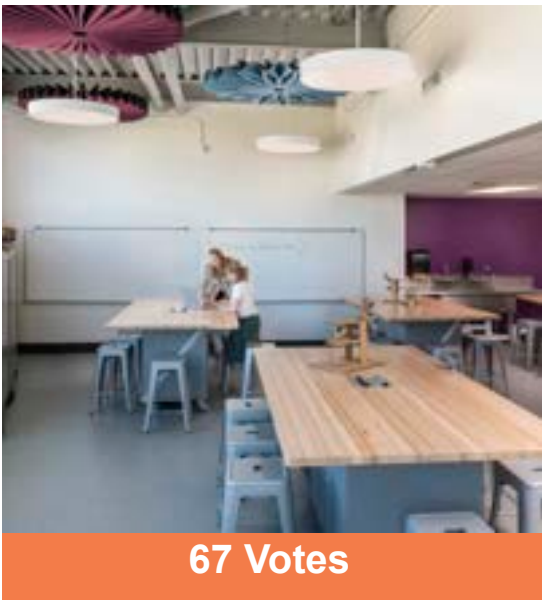
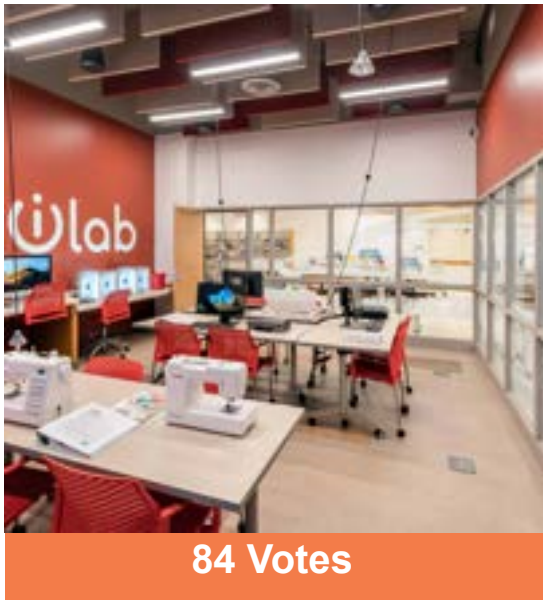
• "SEWING MACHINES AND SEWING HELP"

• "CAD PROGRAMS"

• "3D PRINTING!"

• "MAYBE MORE A "FLEX" SPACE TO COMBINE ALL THESE IDEAS SO THE SPACE CAN BE USED MORE CONSISTENTLY"

TOP 3 RESULTS



TAKEAWAYS:

- Participants expressed strong support for spaces that accommodate both advanced technology and traditional crafts. They envision areas dedicated to activities like makerspaces, sewing, and other group-focused endeavors. This approach facilitates that users of all ages and skill levels can participate in a wide range of library programming.

LOOK AND FEEL

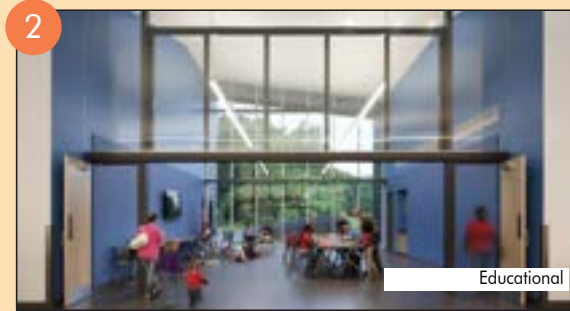
GATHERING

What would you envision for gathering space(s) at South County Library?



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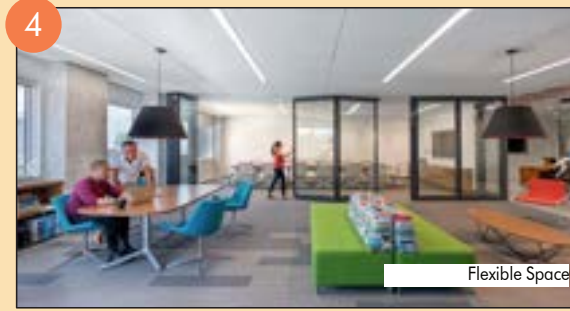
- "SMALL, SOUND PROOF ROOMS TO RESERVE"



80

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- "PERFORMANCE. AUTHORS, MUSIC, THEATER, LECTURES"
- "LOVE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES LIKE ART FAIRS ETC."



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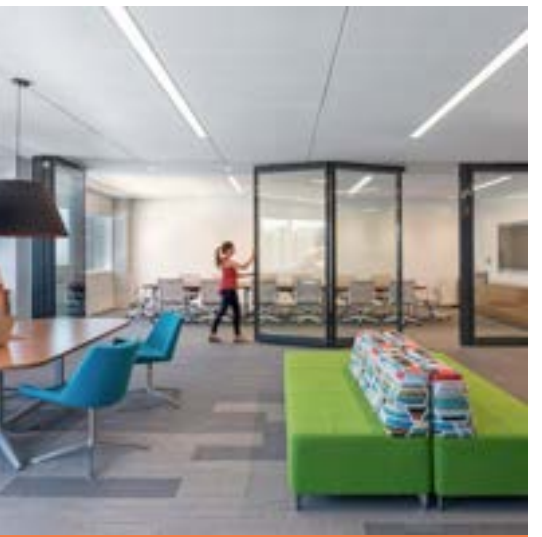
TOP 3 RESULTS



80 Votes



72 Votes



48 Votes

TAKEAWAYS:

- Participants identified the greatest need for gathering spaces as those designed for community-focused events. Additionally, they emphasized the importance of areas for educational activities and presentations.

LOOK AND FEEL

STUDY

What would you envision for study space(s) at South County Library?



44

- “NEEDS TO ACCOMMODATE AT LEAST 20 CURRENT BOOK CLUB HAS 20-25 PEOPLE

3



35

- “STUDY ROOMS AWAY FROM CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS – NOISE”

3

- “HAVE ROOMS RESERVED ONLINE”



42

- “IDEALLY, PERHAPS SEVERAL SMALL MEETING ROOMS AND THE REST EITHER LARGE OR MEDIUM SPACES?”

2



44

- “THESE KINDS OF SPACES ARE VERY POPULAR @ BELMAR & COLUMBINE- BUT MAYBE THEY SHOULD BE RESERVABLE”

8



70

- “GLASS-ENCLOSED AND SOUNDPROOF”
- “SMALLER STUDY SPACES ARE BETTER BECAUSE SINGLE PERSON WILL MONOPOLIZE ALL THE SPACE AT THE LARGE TABLE. SHARING IS AWKWARD”

3

TOP 3 RESULTS



70 Votes



44 Votes



44 Votes

TAKEAWAYS:

- Participants had diverse views on study spaces for the new South County Library. To meet the varied needs and preferences of the community, a range of spaces in different sizes and environments, both enclosed and open, will need to be developed. This approach provides everyone with the potential to find a suitable space for their study and work needs.

LOOK AND FEEL

WAREHOUSE SPACE

What would you envision the warehouse space at South County Library?



59

- “LIKE THE FEEL OF THIS FOR GATHERINGS OF SMALL GROUPS”

4



93

- “TRADITIONAL. MORE BOOKS MAGAZINE, AUDIO - CRAFTS, COOKING”

3



13

- “IDEALLY, PERHAPS SEVERAL SMALL MEETING ROOMS AND THE REST EITHER LARGE OR MEDIUM SPACES?”

40



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- “ PLEASE! A COFFEE CAFÉ!”

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- HANDICAP ACCESS AND A DROP OFF SPACE FOR COUNTY AND COMMUNITY ACCESS BUSES!”

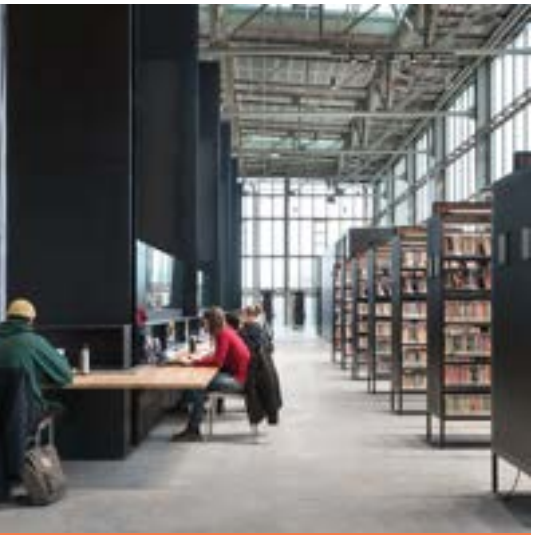
TOP 3 RESULTS



93 Votes



59 Votes



13 Votes

TAKEAWAYS:

- Participants felt that the best use of the large warehouse space was to incorporate a conventional library spaces within it. This could be achieved through large open areas or a "room within a room" concept. Most participants were not supportive of industrial or shipping container design styles, which were seen as sterile preferring a warmer library atmosphere.