

Rappahannock County Public Library

Space Needs Study

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Rappahannock County Public Library



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Introduction to the Library



Rappahannock County, Virginia is located at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, just 65 miles from Washington, DC. The existing Rappahannock County Public Library is poised on a hill with views to the surrounding mountains along highway 211/522. The historic town of Washington, established in 1796, is less than a mile from the library, and it serves as the County seat. The town has retail shops, homes, inns, and it is a favored stop for tourists, vacationers, part-time residents, as well as, full time residents of the County. Other centers of population for the County include Amissville, Chester Gap, Flint Hill, Sperryville, and Woodville. The majority of the County is rural agricultural farmland with a population of approximately 7,300.

The Rappahannock County Public Library has one branch located at 4 Library Road, Washington, Virginia. The library is not part of a regional library system; however, it is a member of the Blue Ridge Consortium which shares check-out privileges with adjacent localities including Culpeper, Fauquier, and Warren Counties. The existing library was built in 1990 and it occupies approximately 5,000 square feet. Few improvements have been made since the original construction. The facility lacks an inviting entry space, has inadequate meeting space, tall shelving, limited seating, and inadequate space for children and teens. Additional space and upgrades are needed to meet the standards of a modern library.

The Library Board of Trustees is considering renovation, expansion, or new construction to accommodate much needed improvements to the library facilities and services. This report summarizes the results of a space needs study conducted from early January to June of 2021. It is intended to define the types of spaces, size of spaces, and goals for a library to serve the needs of County residents for modern library services. The information should be refined and updated as needs change in the County, and this document should serve as a baseline to move forward with design for the facilities. As a design develops, new ideas, opportunities, or limitations may change the requirements of the space program. Some flexibility in the program requirements should be encouraged to promote the best design possible for the new library.

The following report summarizes the process, highlights the goals for the new library, proposes space requirements, and provides potential budget costs for the project. In an appendix to this report, the results of the community input survey, staff questionnaire, and notes from stakeholder meetings are included. The results of the study were reviewed with the Library Board and staff, and revisions were made to suit the goals and anticipated limitations for viable size and budget for the library. The final recommended size for the library was adjusted to be a maximum of 12,000 square feet for the renovated, expanded, or newly constructed library.

Process

This space needs study incorporated several steps to establish recommended space requirements for the library including a demographics study, community input survey, staff questionnaire and interviews, stakeholder meetings, and review of library standards. The following sections provide a brief summary of each step, and more detailed information is provided in later sections of the report.

Demographics

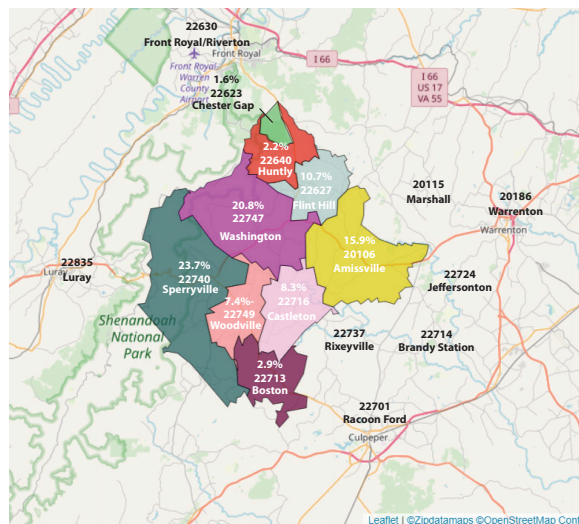
Rappahannock County Data (2019)	
Population	7,370
Persons under 18	16.2%
Persons 65 and older	27.9%
White	92.4%
High School Degree or Higher	88.4%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	35.8%
Median Income	\$74,284

In the most recent data available from the US Census, the County of Rappahannock has a population of 7,370, which is a slight decrease from the previous year. However, the median household income continues to increase each year, landing around \$74,284 in 2019. Rappahannock County has a notably small population of persons under 18 at approximately 16% of the population, and a high population of residents over 65 at approximately 28%. The County's majority ethnic group is white, accounting for over 90% of the population.

Community Survey

Providing an opportunity for the community to voice their opinions about the needs for library services and facilities is an important step in any library planning process. Working with the Library Board and planning committee, a questionnaire was developed to evaluate how the public currently uses the library, how they would like to use the library in the future, and the types of improvements needed in library services, programs, and facilities. A 30-question survey was published online for digital responses, and it was distributed in hard copy in public buildings and in local businesses. Approximately 477 responses were received. The results of the survey are summarized in the Program Highlights section of this report, and the responses are tabulated and analyzed in graphs and charts in the appendix to this report.

Although the feedback provided in the community input and stakeholder meetings was overwhelmingly positive, there are a variety of perspectives represented in the Community Survey. Many residents offered input and suggestions that encouraged changes and improvements to better serve a future for the residents; while a few believed that the library should remain exactly as it is with no changes. The ultimate decisions on what to do with the library may depend on what the leaders of the County and the Library Board see for the future prosperity of the County and its residents.



Zip codes for those who responded to the survey. Please see the appendix for more detail.

• **Process Continued**

Stakeholder Meetings

It is also valuable to hear from a variety of smaller focus groups in a library planning process. After careful coordination and discussion with the Library Board of Trustees, the following groups were identified as stakeholder groups to represent a broad perspective of library users.

- School Partners and Educators Group
- Teen Group
- Non-profit Group
- Government Agencies Group
- Senior Partners and Support Groups
- Children Partners and Support Groups



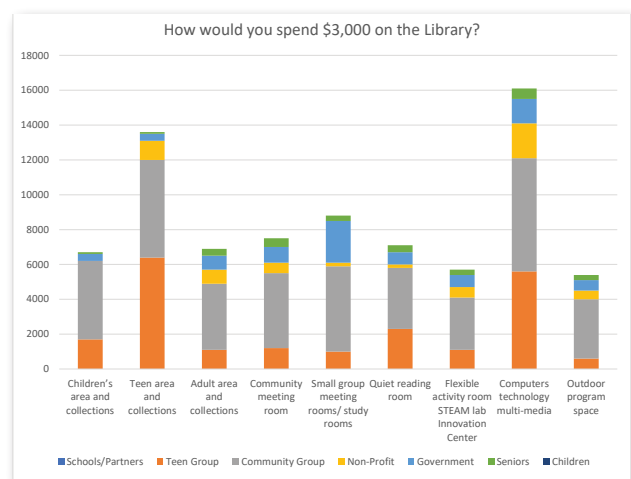
The participants of these groups had a variety of viewpoints for the use of the library, and their input brought forward new ideas for services, programs, and operation of the library. Topics ranged from the need for additional teen space, upgraded and expanded technology, to the need for additional library hours.

In addition to small stakeholder groups, a larger community meeting was held at the elementary school on June 2. Many enthusiastic and curious residents attended this meeting to express their views on the library. The discussion included the types of programs and services needed, the needs for expanded meeting and collaborations space, and the character and aesthetics of the library. The viewpoints

are summarized in the Program Highlights section of the report, and the notes from the meetings are incorporated into the appendix of this report.

As part of the stakeholder meetings and community input meeting, interactive exercises were held to further explore the interests of the various groups. One exercise included having participants vote for their favorite and least favorite ideas presented in the meetings which were written on large tablet pages pasted to the walls. Green stickers were used for favorite ideas, and red stickers were used for least favorite ideas.

Another interactive exercise provided each person in the meeting with \$3,000 in facsimile \$100 bills. The participants were asked to spend their money on the library by placing the bills in jars assigned to nine categories of the library. Those nine categories are listed in the graph below along with the amounts of money raised for each. This exercise represents the priorities of these groups on spending in the library. Technology, teen areas, meeting space, and children’s areas were the highest priorities.



Each County Board of Supervisor was also given the opportunity to express viewpoints on the space needs for the library. Debbie Donehey, Keir Whitson, and Christine Smith participated with input on the library. Their responses are listed in notes contained in the Appendix.

Programming Highlights

The future of the Rappahannock County Public Library, and the prosperity of the County and its residents, are dependent upon the citizens and County leaders investing in the facilities, infrastructure, and cultural amenities that will help sustain and grow its population. The Library serves as an important cultural amenity that should draw the community together in social engagement, arts, literature, entertainment, technology, and education. The library should be one of, if not the most, important cultural centers for the County. The Library is the one free place where all residents can go to participate in activities that sustain our society and allow us to improve our human existence. You do not need to belong to a particular group, you do not need wealth or power; you just need transportation and you have access to a world of information and experiences that are not available elsewhere in most communities. The Rappahannock County Public Library should be envisioned as the cultural center which empowers farmers, educators, parents, children, teens, seniors, business people, and all residents with resources, information, and entertainment so that they prosper and contribute to the overall success of the County for generations to come. It does not matter whether you are looking for information on the best farming techniques, the latest book by a popular author, or how to print a 3D object, the library should be the resource in the community where citizens can get the information and connections they need.

The ideas and discussions which developed throughout this study would contribute to a library facility the County and all of its residents would be proud of, and would provide the type of cultural amenity that would help the community prosper. Through all of the ideas presented in the community stakeholder and input meetings along with the community survey, the following information highlights the library improvements that can help achieve the vision of the County.

Entry, Exterior, and Interior Design

The library should present a more welcoming and open entry area and interior atmosphere. The entry should draw visitors into the library with an uplifting and open environment filled with natural light. The interior should allow for natural light to pass through all areas, and windows should be large to capture views of the surrounding landscape. The interior should be warm and natural looking, using natural materials with subtle colors and accents. The exterior design should fit with the character of the traditional and vernacular feel of the County, but express a more modern aesthetic expressive of the current time.



The view upon entry to the Prince George County Public Library

Meeting Space / Collaboration Areas

The lack of meeting space in the library and in the County was a major point of discussions among all groups throughout the programming process. The existing library meeting room has a capacity of approximately 30. The library frequently needs meeting space for between 50 and 100 occupants. Other organizations and the County government need meeting space for large and small events. A variety of meeting room sizes will add flexibility and allow for multiple groups to meet at the same time. The program initially recommended a meeting room size to comfortably accommodate 100 seats. To reach the Library Board's goal of a maximum square footage of approximately 12,000 square feet, the meeting room size was reduced to a capacity to comfortably seat 65 occupants.

• Programming Highlights Continued

A separate flexible-use program room to seat approximately 30 occupants is programmed as an activity space for children, teens, or adults. This space could accommodate a variety of activities including children's story time activities, teen STEAM activities, or adult painting classes. A smaller group meeting room for 6 to 8 people is incorporated as a group study room for students, or as a small meeting room for civic groups. Two-person study rooms should be provided for one-on-one tutoring or counseling. Each meeting space should have integrated audio/visual technology for video conferencing, presentations, and streaming of events.

Outdoor programming space is also highly desired for the library. This programming space could include a small amphitheater space, children's program area, and a reading garden. Outdoor concerts, movie nights, quiet reading, or messy children's activities may occupy these outdoor event spaces.



The outdoor programming space of the Charles City County Library

Adult Area

The existing adult area in the library consists of tall shelving stacks with limited seating. The community would like to create a more open environment with more comfortable seating. The shelving stack heights should be reduced to approximately 66 inches, and comfortable lounge seating and study tables should be positioned near areas of natural light. The community would also like to expand the quantity and quality of the adult collections in the library. The new library

space may have areas for active noisy functions, but it also needs to accommodate quiet reading areas. A separate local history room is proposed to accommodate a special collection, and this space can also serve as a quiet reading room.

Children's Area

The children's area should also be more open with lower shelving and additional seating. The shelving for the early readers should be between 42 inches and 48 inches tall, and the type of shelving should encourage browsing of the collections, possibly using book bins. The space should have an open interactive play area with manipulative educational furniture. This space should also serve as a small story time space within the children's library. Interior finishes and furnishing should incorporate colors, textures, and forms appealing to children. A family restroom should be located within the children's area to accommodate families with young children. The children's area should be adjacent to the flexible activity room.



The Petersburg Public Library story time area

• Programming Highlights Continued

Teen Area

The teen area in the library currently consists of two shelving units in the corner of the adult area. During our teen stakeholder meeting, the teens indicated they do not have any places to go in the County, and they need a space of their own in the library. The teen space should be separate from the children and adult areas, but easily observable from a staff location. It should have seating as well as study tables, and the furnishings should be oversized to allow for comfortable lounging. Space should be provided for board games as well as video games. The teen area should be adjacent to the flexible activity room.



The Teen Scene at the Petersburg Public Library

Technology

The County currently has very limited access to broadband internet. Many County residents use the library for internet access and access to all types of technology. Most residents bring their own computer to the library for internet access, so there is not an above average demand for fixed desk top computers. All meeting and activity rooms should have access to audio-visual technology, and the large meeting room should have streaming capabilities. There is a demand for content creation technology, so the flexible activity room should incorporate multi-media, audio/visual equipment, as well as maker space equipment such as 3D printers. STEAM related activities and associated technology, equipment, and infrastructure should be incorporated into the flexible activity room. Ample storage should be provided for technology and equipment when it is

not in use. The public copy area may need additional technology and business equipment to provide support for local businesses. Technology for the staff does not currently include RFID, and the staff does not see a need for this technology in the near future.



The small group study rooms at the Williamson Road Branch Library in Roanoke, Virginia each have access to power and a/v technology



The STEAM Lab at the Melrose Branch Library in Roanoke, Virginia

Programming Documents

The following documents tabulate the results of the Spaces Needs Study to arrive at the recommended list of spaces, size of spaces, and total square footage required for the library. As indicated previously the list of spaces and areas have been adjusted and reduced to reach the Library Board's goal of a maximum of 12,000 square feet. Although the program does accommodate a significant amount of ideas suggested as part of the study process, ultimately not all ideas would fit within the square footage and budget limitations. The list of spaces and square footages should be refined and evaluated further as a design for the library progresses.

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Library of Virginia

Planning for Library Excellence: Standards for Virginia Public Libraries

Service Population		15,000									
Rappahannock County Public Library											
Branch	A	AA	AAA	Proposed	A	AA	AAA	Proposed	AAA	Proposed	
Category	20,000	35,000	45,000	33,518	30,000	52,500	67,500	33,518	67,500	33,518	
Gross Square Feet	6,000	8,000	10,000	12,000	9,000	12,000	15,000	12,000	15,000	12,000	
Computers	3	5	10	15	5	8	15	15	15	15	
Hours	40	68	76	?	40	68	76	?	76	?	
Library Card Holders	2,500	4,000	6,000	4,000	3,750	6,000	9,000	4,000	9,000	4,000	

Seating Calculations

Illinois Public Library Association											
Baseline		per 1000	Total Seats	Proposed							
Population 10,000	60	3.0	for every 1,000 over 10,000	51							
Population 15,000	60	3.0	for every 1,000 over 10,000	51							

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Public Library Space Needs: A Planning Outline											
Pop.	Per 1000	Seats	Use Factor	Total Seats	Proposed						
Population 10,000	7.0	70	0.80	56	51						
Population 15,000	7.0	105	0.80	84	51						

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Seating Program					
QTY	DESCRIPTION	#/ UNIT	TOTAL	SF/UNIT	Total SF
Children's Area					
1	4 person table low	4	4	50	50
1	4 person table standard	4	4	50	50
4	Pod/child seat	1	4	16	64
1	Parent/child seat	2	2	40	40
2	Lounge seats	1	2	25	50
1	Window seats	4	4	50	50
Sub-total Children's			20		304
Young Adult's Area					
2	Lounge seats	1	2	25	50
3	computer bar	1	3	20	60
1	4 person table	4	4	50	50
0	2 person table	2	0	25	0
2	Gaming chairs	1	2	25	50
0	window seat or booth	4	0	50	0
Sub-total Young Adult			11		210
Adult's Area					
Periodicals					
4	Lounge seating	1	4	25	100
1	4 person table	4	4	50	50
0	2 person table	2	0	25	0
0	study carrels	1	0	25	0
Sub-total Periodicals			8		150
Adult Fiction					
1	4 person table	4	4	50	50
1	2 person table	2	2	25	25
2	Lounge seating	1	2	25	50
0	study carrels	1	0	25	0
Sub-total Adult Fiction			8		125
Adult Non-Fiction					
1	4 person table	4	4	50	50
1	2 person table	2	2	25	25
0	Lounge seating	1	0	25	0
Sub-total Adult Non-Fiction			6		75
Café Area					
0	2 person table	2	0	25	0
0	Booths	4	0	50	0
0	Lounge seating	1	0	25	0
Sub-total Café			0		0
TOTAL SEATS			53		864

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Existing **29,279**

Detailed Collection Area Calculation for a future physical collection of: Proposed **42,518** items **2,977** sf

Collection	Projected Collection Data		Shelving Section Data					Area Required		Shelving Provided								
	Identify the current collection size	Expansion percentage	Target Collection Size	Identify the % typically in circulation	% of collection to shelf	# of volumes to store	Rate (vol/lf)	Select Height from Pull-down List	# shelves including base shelf	Shelf capacity factor	Capacity, single face section	# of SF sections req'd	Select Density Factor (sf req'd per section	Area required based on density factor	Collection Area	Departmental Gross	# of SF Sections on Plan	Percent of Req'd Shelving
1	2		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

Adult Print

AS-Fiction	6,100	133%	8,100	12%	88%	7,128	10	72	6	0.75	135	53	9.00	477	477		53	0%
AS-Non-Fiction	8,000	125%	10,000	7%	93%	9,300	12	72	6	0.75	162	57	9.00	513	513		57	0%
AS-Large Type Fiction	657	183%	1,200	5%	95%	1,140	8	60	4	0.75	72	16	9.00	144	144		16	0%
AS-Large Type N-Fiction	36	208%	75	5%	95%	71	10	60	4	0.75	90	1	9.00	9	9		1	0%
AS-Paperbacks	625	136%	850	5%	95%	808	10	72	6	0.75	135	6	9.00	54	54		6	0%
AS-GN	0	0%	0	0%	100%	0	18	60	4	0.75	162	1	9.00	9	9		1	0%
AS-New	90	167%	150	45%	55%	83	2	60	4	0.75	18	5	12.00	60	60		5	0%
AS-Oversized	100	100%	100	5%	95%	95	10	72	3	0.75	68	2	12.00	24	24		2	0%
Reference	697	115%	800	0%	100%	800	10	48	3	0.75	68	13	12.00	156	156		13	0%
	16,305		21,275										Collection Area		1,446			
													Display Allowance	10.0%	145			
													Gross Collection Area		1,591			

Young Adults

YA-Fiction	541	277%	1,500	7%	93%	1,395	16	66	5	0.75	180	8	9.00	72	72		8	0%
YA-Paperbacks	109	275%	300	10%	90%	270	16	66	5	0.75	180	2	9.00	18	18		2	0%
YA-Graphic Novels	67	299%	200	10%	90%	60	18	66	5	0.75	203	1	9.00	9	9		1	0%
YA-Non Fiction & Bio	97	258%	250	8%	92%	89	18	66	5	0.75	203	1	9.00	9	9		1	0%
YA -Spanish	1	7500%	75	3%	97%	73	16	66	5	0.75	180	1	9.00	9	9		1	0%
YA-New	12	250%	30	30%	70%	21	2	66	5	0.75	23	1	12.00	12	12		1	0%
	827		2,355										Collection Area		129.0			
													Display Allowance	10.0%	13			
													Gross Collection Area		142			

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	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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1															1		

Adult Media

AS-Audio Fiction	507	138%	700	12%	88%	446	8	60	4	0.75	72	6	9.00	54	54	6	0%
AS-Audio Non-Fiction	467	128%	600	3%	97%	453	8	60	4	0.75	72	6	9.00	54	54	6	0%
AS-DVD Fiction	1,075	140%	1,500	10%	90%	1,350	20	60	4	0.75	180	8	9.00	72	72	8	0%
AS-DVD Non-Fiction	116	259%	300	10%	90%	270	20	60	4	0.75	180	2	9.00	18	18	2	0%
AS-Music CDs	1,109	108%	1,200	5%	95%	1,140	20	60	4	0.75	180	6	9.00	54	54	6	0%
	3,274		4,300										Collection Area	252.0	252		
													Display Allowance	10.0%	25		
													Gross Collection Area		277		

Young Adult Media

YA-Audio Books-CDs	90	222%	200	4%	96%	192	8	60	4	0.75	72	3	9.00	27	27	3	0%
YA-DVDs	1	20000%	200	10%	90%	180	20	60	4	0.75	180	1	9.00	9	9	1	0%
YA-Video Games	1	100000%	100	10%	90%	90	20	60	4	0.75	180	2	9.00	18	18	2	0%
	92		500										Collection Area		54		
													Display Allowance	10.0%	5		
													Gross Collection Area		59		

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Children's Media

J-Audio Books-CDs	144	139%	200	7%	93%	186	8	60	4	0.75	72	3	9.00	27	27	3	0%	
J-Audio Books-CDs NF	26	192%	50	8%	92%	46	8	60	4	0.75	72	1	9.00	9	9	1	0%	
J-DVDs	239	167%	400	7%	93%	372	20	60	4	0.75	180	2	9.00	18	18	2	0%	
J-DVDs NF	1	15000%	150	5%	95%	143	20	60	4	0.75	180	1	9.00	9	9	1	0%	
J-Video Games	1	15000%	50	5%	95%	48	26	60	4	0.75	234	1	9.00	9	9	1	0%	
	411		850								Collection Area						72	
											Display Allowance			10.0%				7
											Gross Collection Area							79

Serials

Current Periodicals	37	108%	40	0%	100%	40	1	60	4	1	12	3	12.00	36	36	3	0%	
Periodicals Back Issues	407	108%	440	10%	90%	396	40	60	4	1	480	1	12.00	12	12	1	0%	
Current Newspapers	6	133%	8	0%	100%	8	0.67	60	4	1	8	2	12.00	24	24	2	0%	
			488								Collection Area			72.0				72
											Display Allowance			10.0%				7
											Gross Collection Area							79

Rappahannock County Public Library Space Needs Program

Area and Adjacency Summary by Department

Space Description	Qty	Unit	Area SF	1st Floor	Net SF Area	Sub-total	Net SF	Grossing	Multiplier	Gross SF	Adjacency	Remarks
Entry Zone												
Entry Vestibule	1	100	100								Entry	
Entry Area/Display/Gallery	1	150	150								Entry	
New Books Display	1	100	100								Entry	
Friends Display	1	50	50									
Interactive Display, information	1	25	25								Entry	
Café seating/vending	0	300	0								Entry	
Public Restrooms											Entry	
Men	1	150	150									
Women	1	150	150									

Sub-total Department Area 725 1.2 870

Meeting / Study/ Program Rooms

Community Meeting Room	1	900	900									64 occupants comfortably
Kitchenette	1	100	100								meeting room	
AV Equipment	1	25	25								meeting room	
Table and Chair Storage	1	75	75								meeting room	
Group Study Rooms											non-fiction	
2 person study room	2	75	150								young adult, adult area	
4 person study room	0	120	0								young adult, adult area	
6 person study room	1	150	150								young adult, adult area	
Local History Room	1	400	400								adults	
Flexible Activity/Program Room	1	600	600								youth services/young adult/adult	
storage room	1	50	50									
Media Studio room	0	180	0									

Sub-total Department Area 2,450 1.2 2,940

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Space Description	Qty	Unit	Area SF	1st Floor	Net SF Area	Sub-total	Net SF	Grossing	Multiplier	Gross SF	Adjacency	Remarks	
Adult Services													
Adult Collections	1	1947	1947									includes non-print media and serials	
Locked rare books display case	1	50	50								near reference		
OPACS	1	25	25								fiction, non-fiction		
Public computers	8	25	200								staff desk		
Express computers	0	25	0								staff desk		
Printer	0	25	0									at circulation desk	
Copy Area													
Copy area	1	35	35								Entry area, Circulation		
Counter	1	25	25								adult		
laptop storage/charging	0	25	0								adult		
											staff desk		
Seating Periodicals													
4 person table	1	50	50										
2 person table	0	25	0										
Lounge seating	4	25	100										
Seating Adult Fiction													
4 person table	1	50	50										
2 person table	1	25	25										
Lounge seating	2	25	50										
Seating Adult Non-Fiction													
4 person table	1	50	50										
2 person table	1	25	25										
Lounge seating	0	25	0										
Sub-total Department Area											2,632	1.2	3,158

Rappahannock County Public Library Space Needs Program

Space Description	Qty	Unit Area SF	1st Floor Net SF Area	Sub-total Net SF	Grossing Multiplier	Gross SF	Adjacency	Remarks
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Children's Services

Children's Collections	1	828	828					
Staff Desk	0	100	0					
Storage /work room	1	80	80				program room	
Self Check	0	25	0					
OPACS	1	25	25					
Interactive display	0	50	0					
Interactive play/learning	1	200	200					
Public Computers	0	25	0					
Early literacy AWE complers	3	25	75					
Family computer	1	25	25					
Family Restroom	1	50	50					
Seating								
4 person table-low	1	50	50					
4 person table-standard	1	50	50					
Parent and child seat	1	40	40					
Lounge seating	2	25	50					
Pods	4	16	64					
Window seats	1	50	50					

Sub-total Department Area

1,587 1.2 1,904

**Rappahannock County Public Library
Space Needs Program**

Space Description	Qty	Unit	Area SF	1st Floor	Net SF Area	Sub-total	Net SF	Grossing Multiplier	Gross SF	Adjacency	Remarks
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copier	1	25	25		25						
office supplies storage	1	25	25		25						
general storage	1	75	75		75						
book storage	1	50	50		50						
Staff break area	1	100	100		100						kitchen becomes part of work counter
Flex room	0	80	0		0						
Staff restroom	1	50	50		50						
Network closet	1	40	40		40						
Receiving Shipping	0	100	0		0						
Sub-total Department Area						1,048	1.2	1,258			

Building Support Areas

Mechanical Room	1	75	75		75						HVAC assumed to be roof or attic
Electrical Room	1	64	64		64						
Janitor's closet/ storage	1	35	35		35						
Sub-total Department Area						174	1.2	209			

TOTAL AREA											10,892
Building Grossing Multiplier											1.10
TOTAL BUILDING AREA MAXIMUM DISPLAY											11,982

Preliminary Construction Budget Estimate

The following preliminary construction budget estimate is based on anticipated costs per square foot for construction of similar projects in similar markets. The estimates are not based on a specific design, material takeoffs, or specifications for building systems, so actual cost may vary depending on the ultimate final design and market conditions at the time of bidding. These estimates indicate a rough order of magnitude and a comparison of the cost of renovation and expansion of the existing building versus construction of a new building.

The cost of renovation of the existing building may be impacted by tight site conditions, rock excavation, and steep grades. The cost of renovation may be increased by the need to reinforce existing prefabricated wood trusses to support new roofs connecting to the existing roofs for the large addition. To accommodate a large expansion, significant modifications to the building exterior and interior will be required. Approximately 7,000 square feet will be added to the existing building to reach the desired goal of 12,000 square feet. As a result of the extensive impact of construction, some or all of the building will be closed at times during the construction. The construction cost for renovating and expanding the building is estimated to be approximately \$4,734,188.

Based on the extent of modifications required to the existing building and structure, the cost of renovation and expansion will be close to the cost of new construction. The estimated cost for a new building with the same square footage and suitable site would be approximately \$5,450,000. A new building would give the opportunity to design an ideal layout for the building on a site with more space for parking and outdoor amenities. The existing library could remain open and unimpacted during the construction. This comparison does not address the cost of purchasing land. A suitable site would be needed at little or no cost to keep the cost of new construction comparable to the cost of renovation and expansion.

Rappahannock County Library Conceptual Budget Estimate	Unit Area	Unit \$		Budget \$		Average
		Low	High	Low	High	
Renovation and Expansion						
Sitework	1.5	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$225,000	\$300,000	\$262,500
Demolition	525	\$15	\$20	\$7,875	\$10,500	\$9,188
Renovation	5,000	\$225	\$325	\$1,125,000	\$1,625,000	\$1,375,000
New Construction	7,000	\$375	\$450	\$2,625,000	\$3,150,000	\$2,887,500
Outdoor terraces	2,000	\$75	\$125	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$200,000
Total Estimated Construction Cost						\$4,734,188
Preliminary program space needs						
New Construction						
Sitework (allowance)	4	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$800,000	\$600,000
Building Construction	12,000	\$350	\$425	\$4,200,000	\$5,100,000	\$4,650,000
Outdoor terraces	2,000	\$75	\$125	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$200,000
Total Estimated Construction Cost						\$5,450,000
Other Typical Costs						
Furniture and Equipment	12000	\$22	\$25	\$264,000	\$300,000	\$282,000
AV and Technology	12000	\$8	\$12	\$96,000	\$144,000	\$120,000
A&E Fees				\$378,735	\$545,000	\$461,868
Permits				\$94,684	\$109,000	\$101,842
Utilities				\$50,000	\$75,000	\$62,500
Miscellaneous				\$20,000	\$40,000	\$30,000
Total Other Costs						\$1,058,209
Anticipated Budget Range				\$5,792,397	\$6,508,209	
<p>This budget estimate does not factor in land acquisition cost for new construction.</p> <p>Final project costs will vary depending on site conditions, market conditions, materials, finishes, and complexity of the final design. Estimates should be updated as the project develops further.</p>						

Appendix

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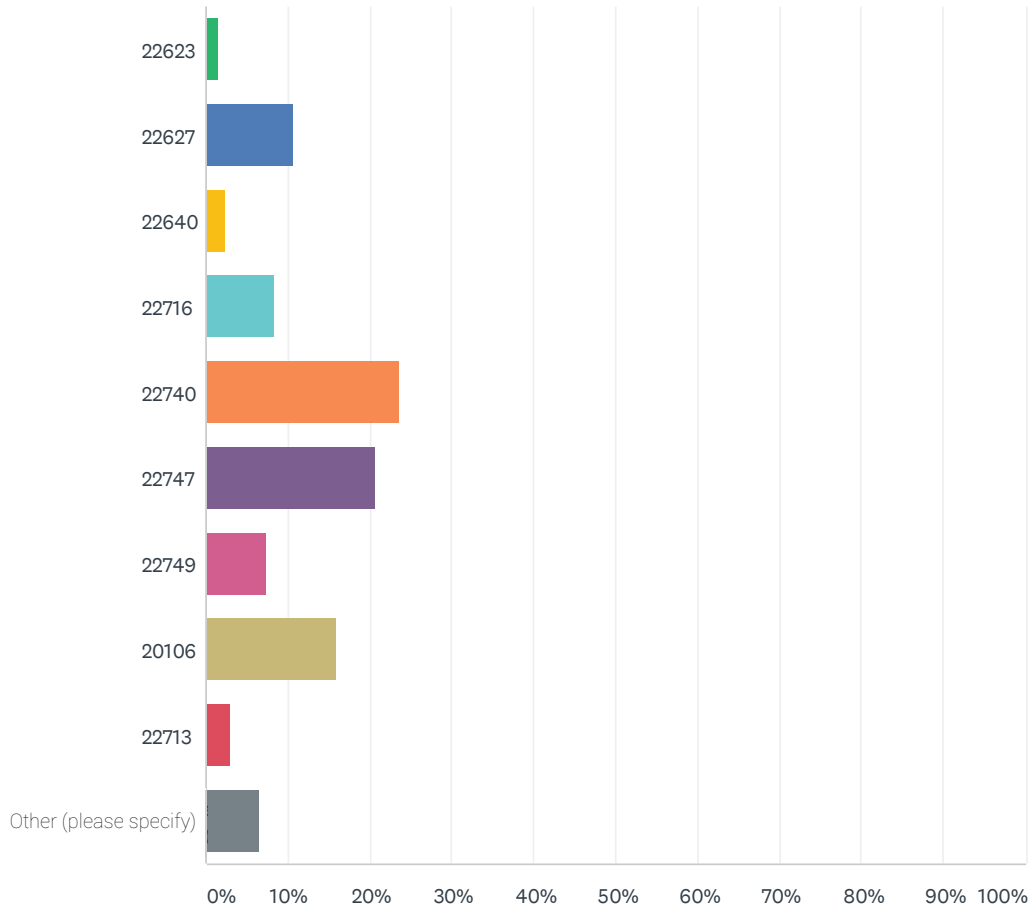
Community Survey

Staff Questionnaire

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

Q1 What is the zip code of your primary residence?

Answered: 447 Skipped: 3



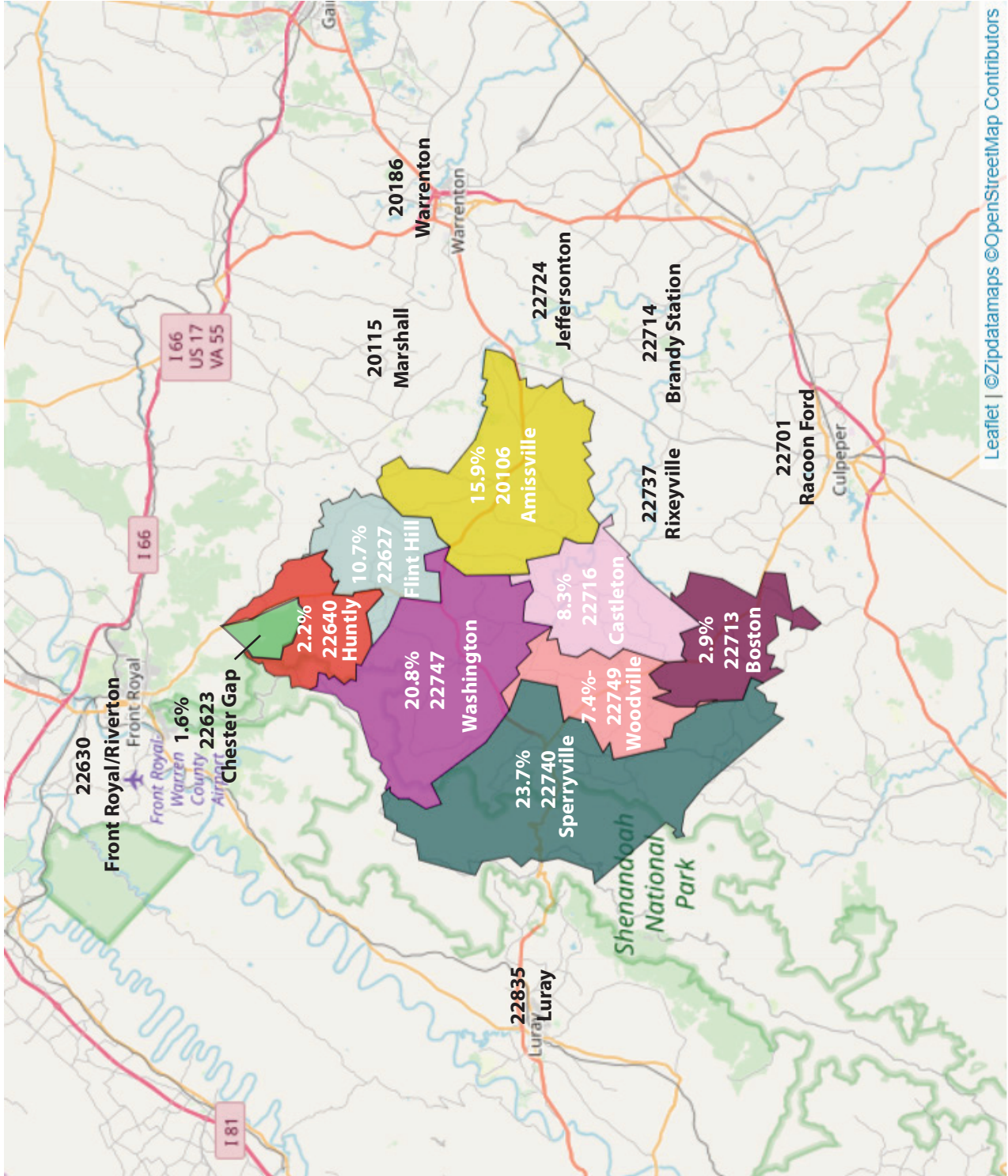
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
22623 Chester Gap	1.57% 7
22627 Flint Hill	10.74% 48
22640 Huntly	2.24% 10
22716 Castleton	8.28% 37
22740 Sperryville	23.71% 106
22747 Washington	20.81% 93
22749 Woodville	7.38% 33
20106 Amissville	15.88% 71
22713 Boston	2.91% 13
Other (please specify)	6.49% 29
TOTAL	447

Other (please specify) Write-in Answers

- 20011—Washington, DC
- 19944—Delware
- 22835—Luray
- Culpeper
- 20115—Marshall
- 22724—Jeffersonton
- 22724—Jeffersonton
- 22713—Boston
- 22714—Brandy Station
- 20007—Washington, DC
- 22407—Fredericksburg
- 22737—Rixeyville
- 20106—Amissville
- Culpeper
- 22044—Falls Church
- 20008—Washington, DC
- 22701—Racoon Ford
- 20106—Amissville
- 22630—Front Royal
- 22201—Arlington
- 22630—Front Royal
- 24401—Staunton
- 20186—Warrenton
- 22737—Rixeyville
- 20186—Warrenton
- 22737—Rixeyville
- 20106—Amissville

Other Zip Codes Off Map

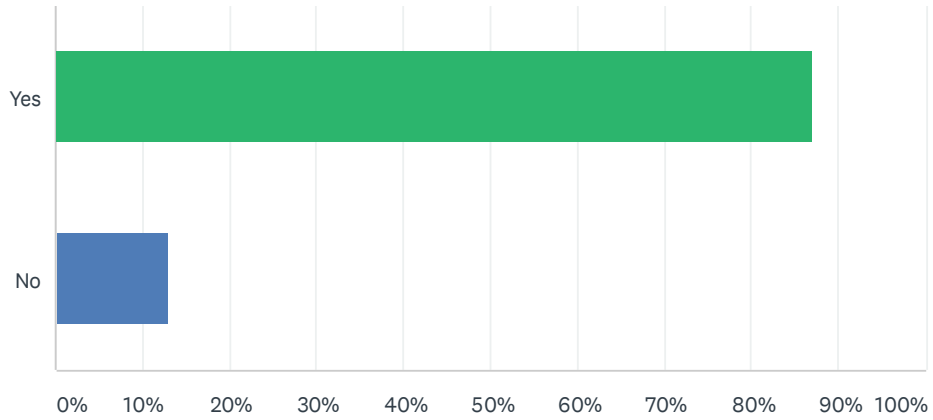
- 20011-Washington, DC
- 19944-Delaware
- 20007-Washington, DC
- 22407-Fredericksburg
- 22044-Falls Church
- 20008-Washington, DC
- 22201-Arlington
- 20016-Washington, DC
- 24401-Staunton



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Q2 Do you have an RCPL Library Card?

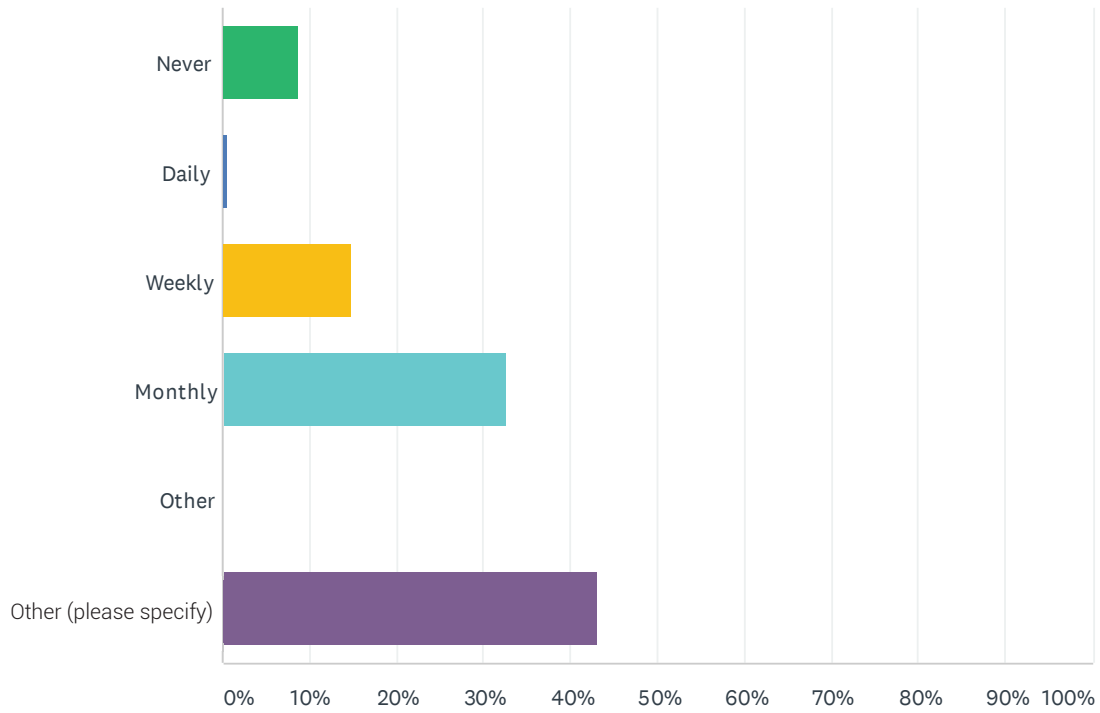
Answered: 444 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.94%	386
No	13.06%	58
TOTAL		444

Q3 How often do you visit the RCPL?

Answered: 445 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	8.76%	39
Daily	0.67%	3
Weekly	14.83%	66
Monthly	32.58%	145
Other	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	43.15%	192
TOTAL		445

Other (please specify) Write-in Answers

- I was a daily visitor until family commitments made it impossible for me to visit. Until then I would say I was pretty much one of , if not THE most consistent daily visitor for quite a while. I know the library and its staff intimately
- Once every other month or so
- Every time I'm in town
- First visit today
- I am dependent on rides from family and friends
- In non-pandemic time, 2-3 times a month
- 6we have a cabin here and whenever we come we use the library
- More in the summer
- 2-4 times a week
- Couple times a year
- Every 2-3 weeks
- 2-3 times a month
- Before pandemic, monthly. Expect to continue
- Rarely
- Occasionally
- When books are due!
- Once
- Occasionally
- Have visited twice in 15 years
- Randomly
- Sporadically, sometimes often sometimes not
- Sporadically
- Every other month or so
- Rarely maybe twice a year
- Whenever I'm in that neck of the woods. I don't travel to Washington often. It is about 30 mins from my house
- When there is a meeting
- Monthly -- pre-COVID
- Perhaps 3-4 times a year if attending a meeting there.
- When we need audio books for traveling.
- Physical site: monthly normally, but rarely during Covid. Website & BRDC: weekly or more.
- Occasionally
- Not often
- No regular pattern
- New patron so don't know yet
- Only once
- Frequently, but only electronically
- Not very often but every few months
- Twice a month
- For classes and lectures
- Annually
- Pre-covid, monthly
- Very seldom
- Periodic
- Quarterly
- Every couple months
- Quarterly or more
- 5-6 times per year
- Haven't had the opportunity
- About once a year, previously monthly for book club meetings
- I use the app "Libby" and constantly have an audiobook checked out. I stop by occasionally to look at books.
- Couple times a year
- Pre-pandemic, about once a month
- I used to visit weekly, now, not so much
- 3 times a year
- Annually
- Not for a while
- A couple of times a year
- Quarterly
- 3 or 4 times
- Occasionally
- A few times a year
- Very occasionally--Culpeper Library is closer to us

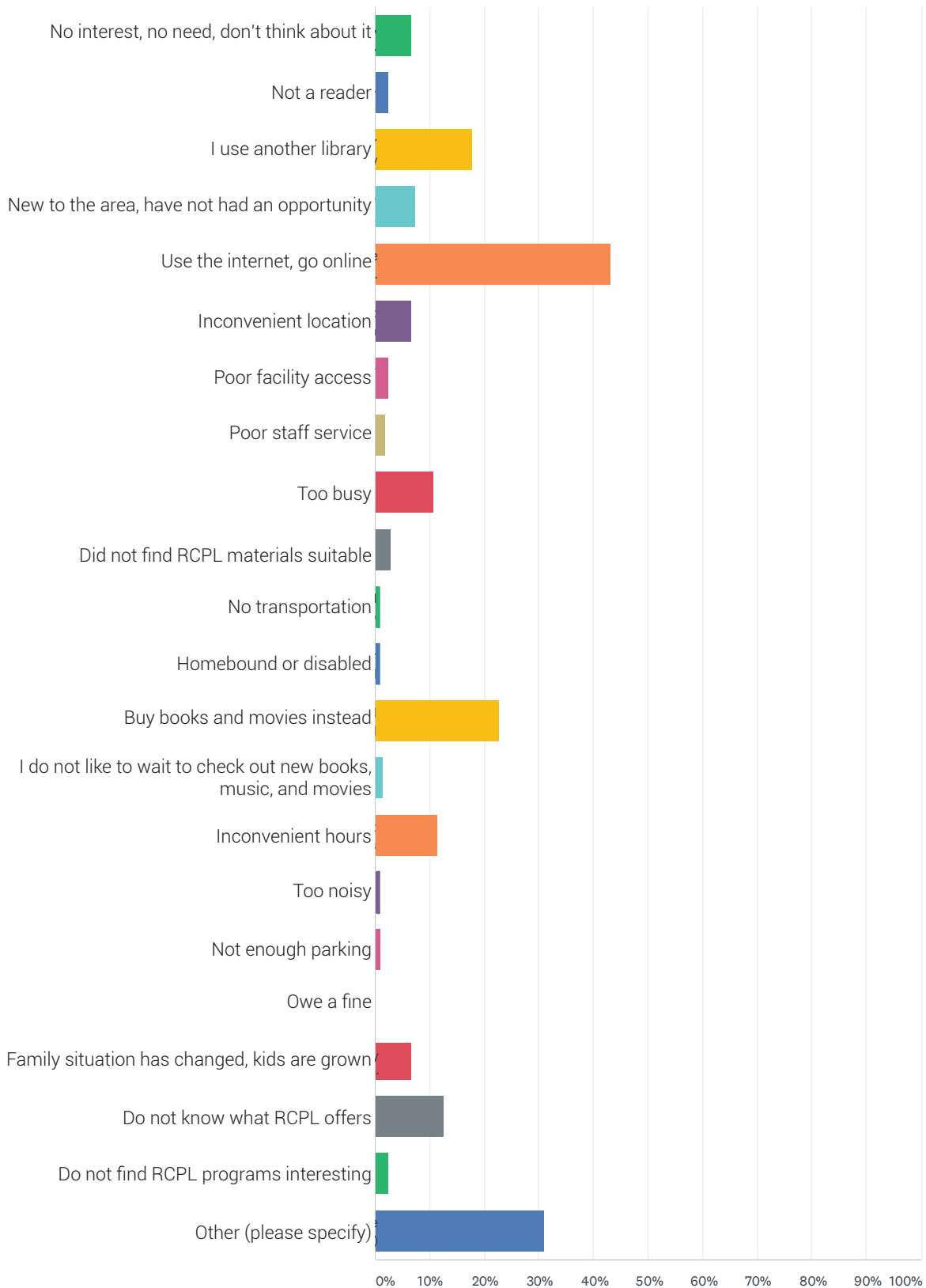
- 6 times a year --perhaps
- A couple times a year.
- Use to be daily now more like weekly
- When needed
- When I need or want to.
- Every 6 months
- Yearly
- Few times a year.
- We used to enjoy public meetings held in the Library: book events and various cultural presentations. It's been awhile.
- Monthly in person; more frequently on-line.
- Virtually—use Libby
- Used to go monthly before covid-19 hit, now not that often.
- Rarely especially since Covid.
- Sporadically at best
- As needed. Sometimes frequently and then not for a while.
- 3-4 times/year, but expect to use it more to take our e-books
- Irregular
- Seldom
- On-line monthly
- When I can
- Rarely
- 3-4 times/year
- When doing some special project
- Rarely
- I've been a few times, but not since covid
- Twice a year
- In person bimonthly or so, but I use the online download consortium frequently
- Yearly
- Every two weeks
- Fewer than monthly
- Yearly
- A few times a year
- Once or twice per year
- Sometimes
- More in the summer
- On e a month or so
- A couple times a year
- Several time a year
- Every couple months
- Occasionally
- 3-4 times since covid
- Weekly during non-pandemic times
- Occasionally
- Is it open?
- Once or twice per year.
- Not in the past year
- Only as needed for specific research projects
- A few times a year
- New to area
- Irregularly less than once a month
- If a community meeting is held here
- Haven't been in awhile
- As needed
- 3-4 times per year
- Every couple months - zero since COVID
- Not at all during the past year.
- Probably six times a year
- RANDOMLY
- Sporadically, sometimes frequently, but sometimes long periods pass without visiting
- A few times a year
- Just every so often....
- Occasionally
- Maybe 5 times a year
- Rarely

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- Library was closed during COVID should start visiting more often now that it is open
- Every 3 months
- Obtained my card during COVID - have not had a chance to use.
- A few times a month over the summer.
- Moved here just prior to COVID striking - I've only been there twice.
- On occasion, though not very often.
- Quarterly
- I was there doing a 1-day research project
- Every few months
- Several times a year
- About every other monthly
- When necessary
- Not a lot right now but I will be retiring in a year and hope to be there more.
- Until the pandemic, usually one to two times per week.
- As needed, no routine
- Prior to Covid was visiting monthly
- Rarely due to attitudes of some of the volunteers.
- Not very often since the Covid but will resume
- Once every couple of months
- Once or twice a year.
- Several times a year
- Used to be every couple of days, then once a week, then monthly then never
- When I'm looking for my book club books.
- About every other month
- 3-4 x annually
- Several times a year
- Occasionally
- Was monthly prior to pandemic
- As needed
- Rarely
- Weekly pre-pandemic
- 6 times a year
- Not since covid
- Occasionally
- I occasionally attend meetings in the conference room.
- Not recently, but before Covid, monthly
- A couple times a year. Would have been more often but Covid affected our visits.
- Mostly during the summer with the kids
- A few times a year
- 2-3 times per year
- Quarterly
- Every couple of months
- A few times yearly
- Several times a year; its closer to use the library in Warrenton
- Very seldom
- 4 times a year
- On occasion --- every few months
- Sporadic but at least 8-10 a year.
- Mostly for special speakers
- Usually monthly but pandemic has changed that, hoping to return to monthly
- 1-2x year
- Less than 1 a month
- Probably monthly before Covid. We have not been there since though.
- Once a year
- Once in a while
- As needed
- As needed
- On occasion, mainly for internet when home internet is out or not working
- A few times a year, but want to use more often
- Occasionally
- Once a year
- Bi-weekly
- On an as needed basis. This may be yearly or monthly depending on my needs.
- 2-3 times per year

Q4 If you do not use the RCPL, why not? Check all that apply.

Answered: 207 Skipped: 243



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No interest, no need, don't think about it	6.76%	14
Not a reader	2.42%	5
I use another library	17.87%	37
New to the area, have not had an opportunity	7.25%	15
Use the internet, go online	43.00%	89
Inconvenient location	6.76%	14
Poor facility or access	2.42%	5
Poor staff service	1.93%	4
Too busy	10.63%	22
Do not find RCPL materials suitable	2.90%	6
No transportation	0.48%	1
Homebound or disabled	0.48%	1
Buy books and movies instead	22.71%	47
I do not like to wait to check out new books, music, and movies	1.45%	3
Inconvenient hours	11.59%	24
Too noisy	0.48%	1
Not enough parking	0.97%	2
Owe a fine	0.00%	0
Family situation has changed, kids are grown	6.76%	14
Do not know what the RCPL offers	12.56%	26
Do not find the RCPL programs interesting	2.42%	5
Other (please specify)	30.92%	64
Total Respondents: 207		

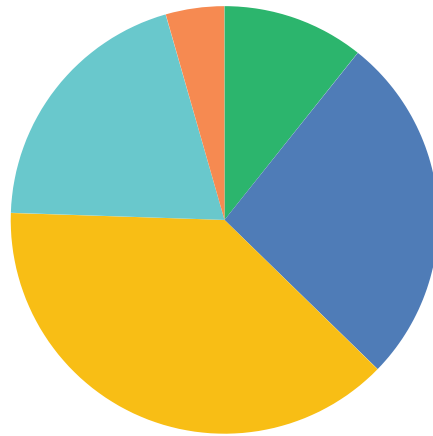
Other (please specify) Write-in Answers

- I have an extensive library myself and tend to keep (and re-read) books that I like.
- Mostly a time and distance constraint.
- We are weekenders and will use the smaller book barn
- Check out books with Overdrive
- Often look for books on CD to listen to in the car. Would love to see more CD's available for check-out. I go to Samuels Library for a bigger selection at present.
- More information needs to be available electronically and over the internet
- Overloaded schedule
- I use the library
- Only have time to use online services
- We use it.
- I use the online service provided by the library as much as possible!
- Most of the books available outside of the kids' sections (which is excellent in my opinion) are out of date. There are better, more relevant books in the Book Barn. Also, I lost my library card. If not for that, I would probably make more use of the online resources.
- I was working full time until recently and only occasionally visited library, usually for son.
- All of my experiences over the years with RCPL have been positive! I just got used to stopping by Warrenton library during errand outings. I attended the recent presentation to Rapp at Home... very good. RCPL is on my "radar" now
- Most interested in collections of University of Virginia Farm Extension publications on topics of local interest...vineyards, orchards, cattle, horses, sheep and goats, pastures, pest management, etc. I did not find these either during a visit or an online catalog search. I now download these online.
- Have huge supply of my own books. Want to start using library though
- I would enjoy more cultural events. As for the library's content, I'm curious to know if you have resources to help understand Rappahannock County's history. For example, what was the attitude of local residents here in the early 1930s, before the federal government brought electricity to the county? Was there considerable local interest in becoming electrified? And when it arrived, how was the electricity received by the locals? (I'm curious to know whether there was sentiment in favor of economic modernization in the 1930s, or whether perhaps there was not --- perhaps like the current local fears of modern telecommunications services like broadband and cellular services. Would the library have resources to help illuminate such history?
- I use the library
- Lack of interesting material
- I just have gotten out of the habit of using the library. Used to go all the time as a child/teenager.
- N/A I use it regularly and it's great! Especially location.
- We finally have good fast internet at home; many books that interest me are art how to and science or dog books that I want to own.
- Moved not as close now
- I have 2 small children. It's hard to get out of our routine at home to go out.
- Sometimes use Samuels Library as I do errands in Front Royal
- I work for a nearby system; otherwise would definitely use it more
- I use the RCPL audio book download service
- Covid kept me away but I use Libby for audio-books and kindle and love it
- I do use it
- We do use it
- Covid 19 restrictions have displaced Library use. In past, met there monthly for Book Club,
- N/A

- We don't get by there too often because we are at the other end of the county, but we do like the facility. I think it would be useful to be able to access the card catalog online....maybe that is already an option, I don't know.
- Pandemic!
- One day research project to gain info on a family that had historic roots in Rap Co
- Moved away
- I haven't been there much since covid...but used to go almost weeklythe best library experience
- I seldom need to get a hardcover or paperback book from the library. I get audio books online from the library but usually buy paperback or hardcover books..
- We use it often, more during summer months.
- I cannot pin point exactly why but I prefer Culpeper County Library - great hours even on week-ends - used to do Sundays. I liked the help desk and the research assists, I liked that if you had a meeting with someone you could rent a free room. I liked there are many computers, I liked the spread - people could read in various sections in the middle of library. I liked they had classrooms and classes, and so on. I'm a heavy reader of political books - if they did not have a new current one, they ordered it immediately if asked and then set it up to inform you of arrival, they always inform us through newsletter of what is coming up - they have/had more offerings. They were open and reliable during the pandemic with slightly altered behavior mechanisms., I gave up trying to see what Rapp Library had or did or...
- Well covid now would keep me out and I'm vaccinated...there could be a new attack from China with another type of virus to bring us to our knees again so I will continue to stay safe !
- COVID
- Pandemic
- Not since covid
- I do use the library.
- Selection of material is not as good as Culpeper Library
- Have stayed home. Ready to resume now.
- Unfortunately, I work during the hours of operation.
- Covid
- Too much hassle with my kids + masks.
- I don't go as often as the kids are grown and it's a drive. Living in Culpeper County
- It is a great Library but the Warren County/Front Royal Library is only 5 miles and Rappahannock's is 18 miles. I've participated in some venues there and enjoyed it's facilities where they are now . Any move should be ruled out! It's a very functional building in a good location --- just a bit further than the one above which --- by the way --- is much less customer oriented .
- Friends pass on their books to me and then I pass on
- Pandemic pushed me to online books, hoping to return to library and hardcover books
- Covid
- Check out books online
- Better selection and materials at large library systems
- I use a Kindle and computer.
- Would like more books on tape
- Too small a selection. It is fine to cater to general reading interest, but why not brand yourselves with a distinctive Rappahannock character by greatly expanding specific historical, geographical, botanical print, audio and visual media collections?
- We do use the library
- Many times I am searching for a title of a book or dvd and Rappahannock does not have it, so I turn to Fauquier Library and they often have the item I am looking for to check out.
- N/A I use the library.

Q5 How would you rate your knowledge about the RCPL offerings?

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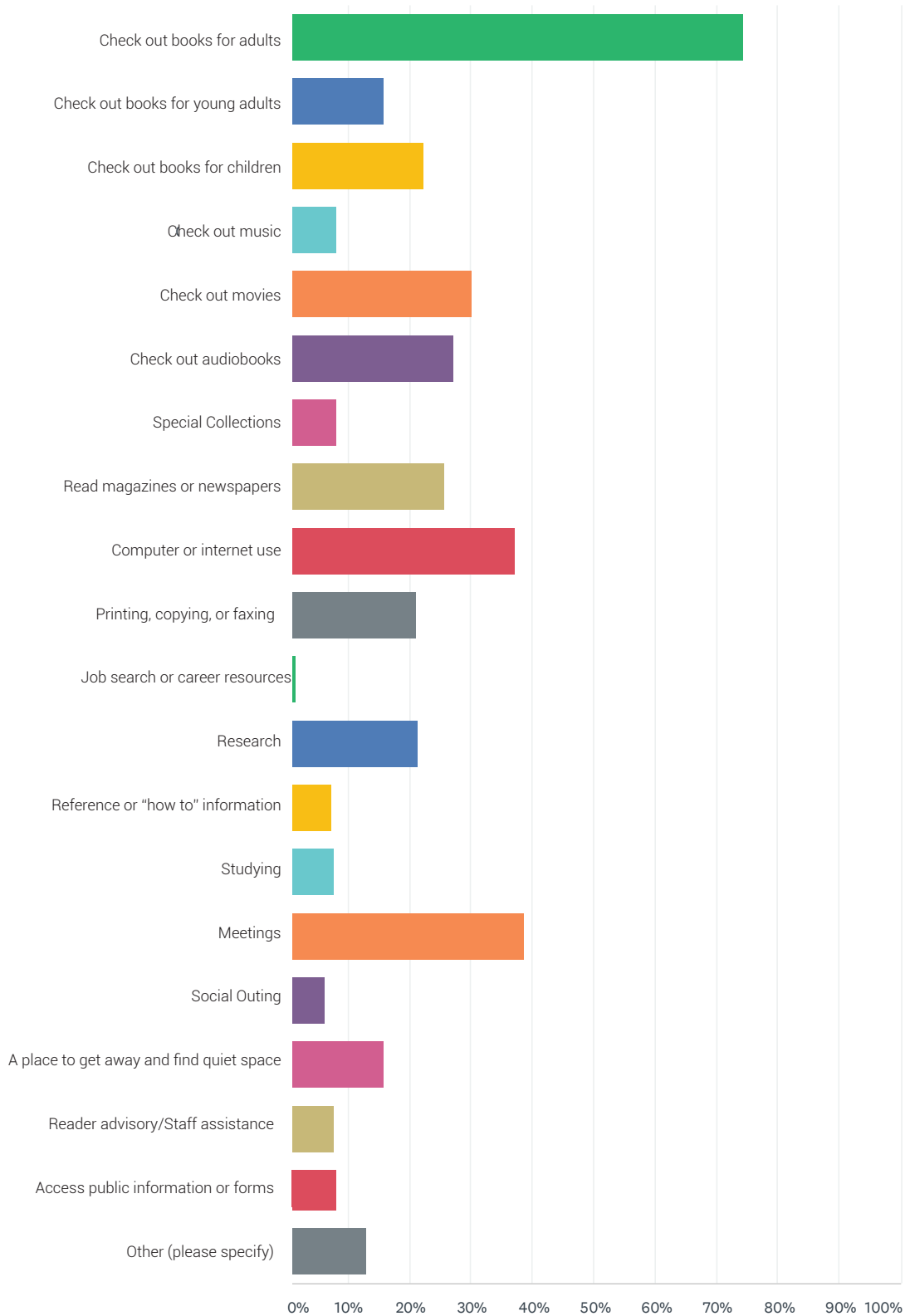


■ Poor
 ■ Some knowledge
 ■ Good
 ■ Very good
 ■ Excellent

	POOR	SOME KNOWLEDGE	GOOD	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	10.72% 46	26.57% 114	38.23% 164	20.05% 86	4.43% 19	429	2.81

Q6 What services do you use at the RCPL? Check all that apply.

Answered: 426 Skipped: 24



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Check out books for adults	74.41%	317
Check out books for young adult	15.96%	68
Check out books for children	22.30%	95
Check out music	8.22%	35
Check out movies	30.05%	128
Check out audiobooks	27.23%	116
Special Collections	8.22%	35
Read magazines or newspapers	25.82%	110
Computer or internet use	37.32%	159
Printing, copying, faxing	21.13%	90
Job search or career resources	1.41%	6
Research	21.36%	91
Reference or "how to" information	7.28%	31
Studying	7.75%	33
Meetings	38.73%	165
Social outing	6.34%	27
A place to get away and find quiet space	15.96%	68
Reader Advisory/Staff Assistance	7.75%	33
Access public information or forms	8.22%	35
Other (please specify)	12.91%	55
Total Respondents: 426		

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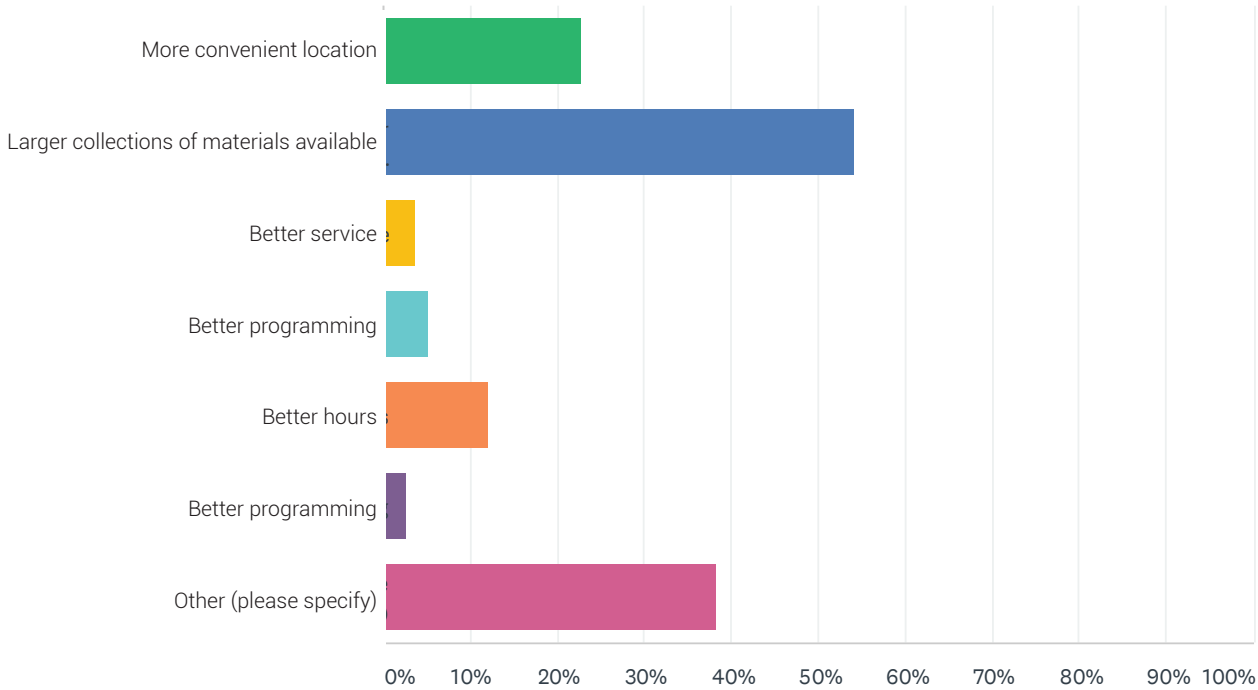
Other (please specify) Write-in Answers

- Use study room for private in person or virtual meetings
- Visit library staff who are more than staff--they are always awesome and helpful
- We have only recently started having WiFi access at our house and for 16 years have relied on RCPL for internet connectivity.
- Use internet
- Pre-covid, I met with computer person in the meeting room and attended evening talks on Fri.
- There used to be a 1st Friday group that brought in lecturers on local subjects : ghosts, invasive plants, bears in the park, Civil War sites, etc. Wonderful meetings - centralized site that saved everything (public safety committee, Fire Levy Board, etc.) from being held at the Washington Fire Dept.
- Digital downloads
- My children used the library almost weekly for books, movies, and internet before going to college.
- Often use wifi from parking lot because of poor performance of Hughesnet at home
- Buy books
- Respect the importance of the library but do not really use.
- Donate items for resale.
- Browse collection for items of interest
- I donate books
- Meeting space
- Give books to the Book Barn!
- I am very fond of the staff members
- Internet
- Attended a meeting there once
- Working so have to use digital
- I have used the computer assistance that was offered once a week.
- Don't use
- Currently do not use any services
- None at this time, though should start to use some like book club(?)
- Volunteer as a Friend of the Library
- Use of Library's wifi
- Virtual—Libby
- Preschool Story Time
- Children program
- E-books
- The Blue Ridge Download Consortium app has been a lifesaver during COVID!
- NA
- OverDrive audio book service but have not used it in a long time
- Buy books at the book barn then redonate after I read them
- Interlibrary loans - at least I did much of that before the Covid scare.
- Inter library loans
- One
- Check out AV equipment
- Restroom.
- Have not had a chance to visit but would most like use for items listed above.
- Attend public events
- Spend time exploring books & puzzles at library with kids
- I would use it more if I had time.
- These are all the services I use at a library - I don't know anymore what Rapp Library provides
- Digital resources (Overdrive)
- Check out books on cd
- I just have never had a need so have never been there and I helped **REDACTED** raising the funds to build it HA!
- Wi-fi

- Have no need. Haven't you heard libraries are becoming obsolete. Everything is on the computer.
- Interlibrary loans
- Staff/customer interaction couldn't be better .
- I don't use the library, however, I didn't know the was music to check out. I'd also use reader advisory/staff assistance and book check out for adults
- I've taken our Grandchildren there for story time and it's excellent
- Don't use.

Q7 If you visit other libraries instead of the RCPL, why? Check all that apply.

Answered: 214 Skipped: 236



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More convenient location	22.90%	49
Larger collections of materials available	54.21%	116
Better service	3.74%	8
Better programming	5.14%	11
Better hours	12.15%	26
Better parking	2.80%	6
Other (please specify)	38.32%	82
Total Respondents: 214		

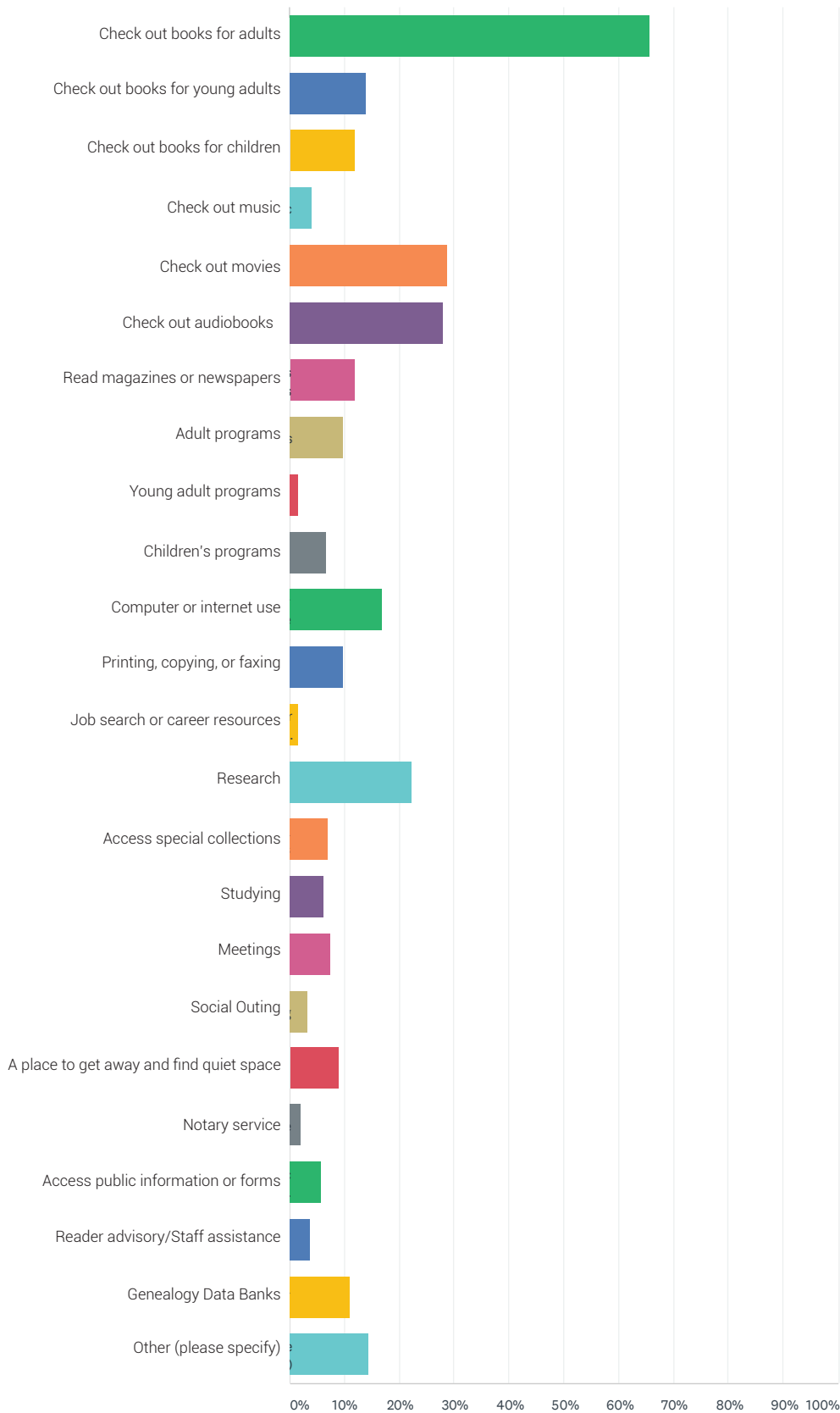
Other (please specify) Write-in Answers

- None of the above. RCPL is a jewel. It's staff and the facility serves all my needs
- I also have cards for the Madison and Culpeper libraries, as I used to live in Madison and I like choice! I also use the Virginian Room @Warrenton Public Library
- Rarely. Only when computer emergency and Rapp library not open
- I visit other libraries when not in Rappahannock County
- We use our library in Delaware where our primary residence is
- Convenience when in other areas
- Fauquier Library in Warrenton. It is a larger library and has books that Rappahannock Library does not have
- Just happen to be in Warrenton or Culpeper
- Culpeper Library on occasion
- Little Library at Flint Hill Post Office Free Shed at dump
- I work at a high school so I frequently use that library.
- Out of area
- It's convenient to the Safeway in Culpeper
- We grocery shop in Culpeper and sometimes go to theirs
- Retiree from Library of Congress and have borrowing privileges. Use for hard to find books.
- Financial Data Base. i.e. value line, morning star, etc..
- Where I live
- Do not really use the library.
- Culpeper library is closer to us + have a good genealogy research room
- I'm only in Rapp part-time and haven't visited yet, but plan to soon!
- Sometimes Culpeper, but IN ADDITION TO, not instead of RCPL ... and then for either location convenience or a particular item available.
- My research is highly specialized and I have on-line access to other libraries
- Digital checkout of material by scanner more convenient.
- I go to Culpeper Library at times since I am frequently in Culpeper and so it is convenient. But I like both Rappahannock and Culpeper libraries very much and have always found the service to be excellent.
- Not applicable
- To see what a "modern" library looks like.....
- Not app
- Don't use library, except for community things
- It is usually for convenience, I use the county library the most though.
- Better online library
- No
- Out of town/state visits
- It depends where I am. I prefer Rappahannock
- Don't visit other libraries
- Near to my bank and grocery stores
- It's not the larger collections of on-site material that is important, but the ability to find and obtain the materials held by other libraries.
- Was in town
- I don't visit other libraries
- Sometimes check Warrenton's used books for sale
- I don't usually visit other libraries
- Not applicable
- Depends on if I'm with my family from out of the county.
- NA
- I don't
- I live closer to the Samuels Public Library in Front Royal than I do the Rappahannock library.
- Don't visit other locations

- Work there (Fauquier)
- Sometimes I'm in Warrenton, or Montgomery County....have cards for both
- I visit Fauquier Library IN ADDITION TO RCPL because of their larger collection.
- None - i don't go anywhere else
- None
- Don't visit any other library
- I have been waiting for them to open
- Have visited Front Royal - WOW what a library
- Only when out of town, e.g., at our city house.
- Whenever I'm out of town
- N/A
- I visit several libraries in different geographical areas, primarily to access local historical information for genealogical research
- Just been going there longer
- I'm very happy with the RCPL. :-)
- Live in multiple locations
- When I'm at work in Arlington, there is a library next door; sometimes that is more convenient, but only when I'm at work.
- Occasionally I use libraries in other towns that I may be visiting.
- Bigger space
- Don't visit other libraries.
- I work at LFCC, so I have easy access to the library. (no special trip.) Also, I work at the Fauquier Campus, so the Fauquier Public Library is not too far off of my work commute route.
- N/A
- Na
- I don't
- I visit other libraries AND RCPL
- Only access RCPL
- I do not visit other libraries.
- Tend to use Warrenton where I shop and so it is just convenient.
- Do not visit other libraries
- Occasionally we would seek a book that RCPL did not have but that Fauquier or Culpeper did, so would go there for sake of expediency. Rarely have we needed an outside resource, though.
- I don't visit other libraries because they're too far and I have a toddler and life just doesn't accommodate that; however, I would likely visit other libraries occasionally if able in order to access a larger collection of adult reading material (the children's reading material seems excellent, though, and I don't feel any need to visit other libraries for that!).
- I don't.
- I just happen to be there and decide to visit on a whim.
- We don't visit other libraries
- Not applicable
- RCPL meets all my library needs; I rarely visit other libraries - only for convenience while traveling, etc.
- We use this library

Q8 If you visit libraries other than the RCPL, what services and programs do you use there? Check all that apply.

Answered: 236 Skipped: 214



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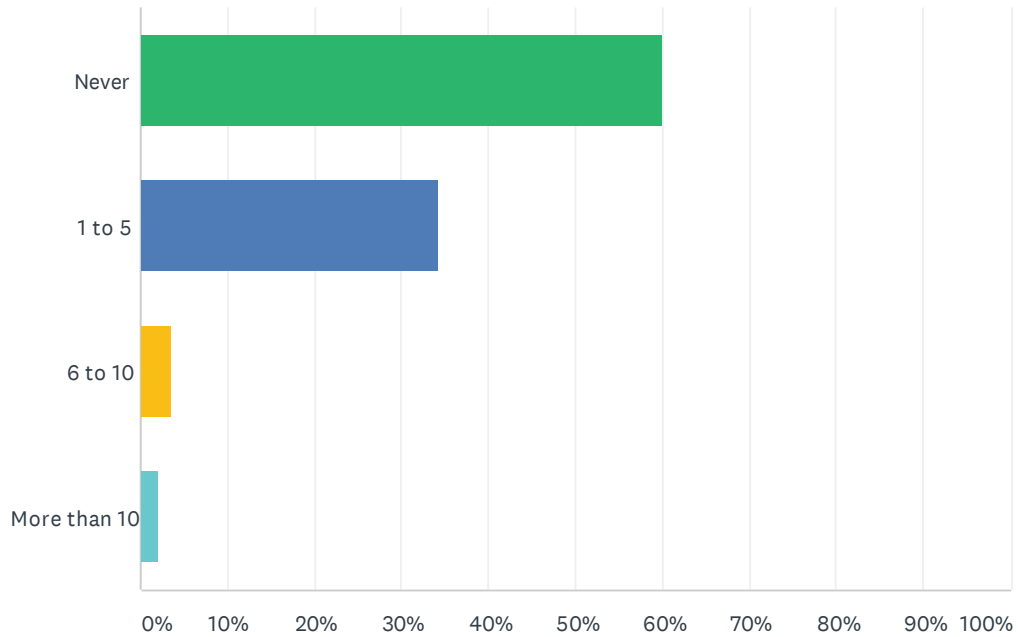
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Check out books for adults	65.68%	155
Check out books for young adults	13.98%	33
Check out books for children	11.86%	28
Check out music	4.24%	10
Check out movies	28.81%	68
Check out audiobooks	27.97%	66
Read magazines or newspapers	11.86%	28
Adult programs	9.75%	23
Young adult programs	1.69%	4
Children's programs	6.78%	16
Computer or internet use	16.95%	40
Printing, copying, faxing	9.75%	23
Job search or career resources	1.69%	4
Research	22.46%	53
Access Special Collections	7.20%	17
Studying	6.36%	15
Meetings	7.63%	18
Social outing	3.39%	8
A place to get away and find quiet space	8.90%	21
Notary service	2.12%	5
Access public information or forms	5.93%	14
Reader Advisory/Staff Assistance	3.81%	9
Genealogy Data Banks	11.02%	26
Other (please specify)	14.41%	34
Total Respondents: 236		

Other (please specify) Write-in Answers

- Use private meeting rooms or study rooms
- Writer's group
- Financial Data Base
- I have homes in several places, use libraries in all of them.
- N/A
- Compare building facilities to Rapp County library
- Not app
- None
- All digital
- I mostly use the resources of Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension Service online to find information that I need. This is a time-consuming process online because the information is seldom organized by region or county. Rapp library should consider offering selected guides to VA Tech extension publications and a smaller body of high-impact resources most useful to (and used by) local farmers and ranchers.
- I don't use another library
- Check used books for sale
- I don't visit other libraries
- Not applicable
- NA
- Kanopy movies, kindle books
- N/a
- Don't visit other locations
- Online databases like Consumer Reports, Value Line
- Only use other libraries if I'm out of town
- None
- Don't visit any other libraries
- Live close to this one
- I sometimes do research at the Library of Congress or the National Archives.
- Check out books on cd
- N/A
- Na
- See above
- N/A
- Do not visit other libraries.
- NA
- High speed internet access.
- None

Q9 How many times per month do you use the RCPL for computer or internet access:

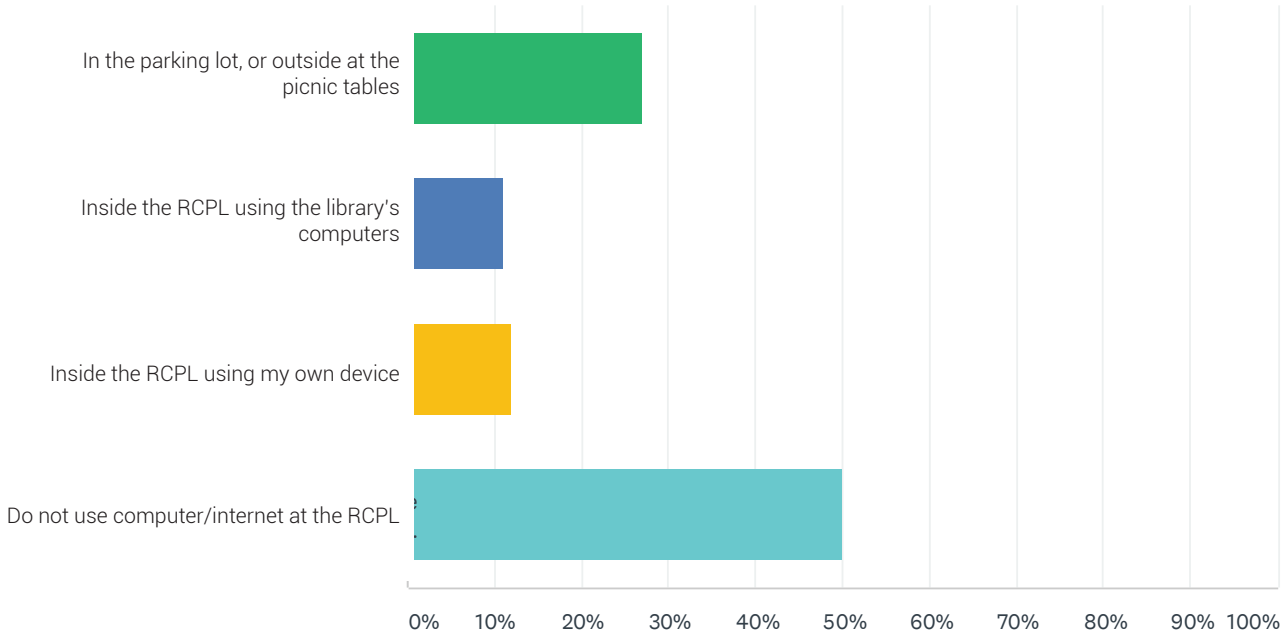
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Never	60.05% 257
1 to 5	34.35% 147
6 to 10	3.50% 15
More than 10	2.10% 9
TOTAL	428

Q10 How do you access computer/internet at the RCPL?

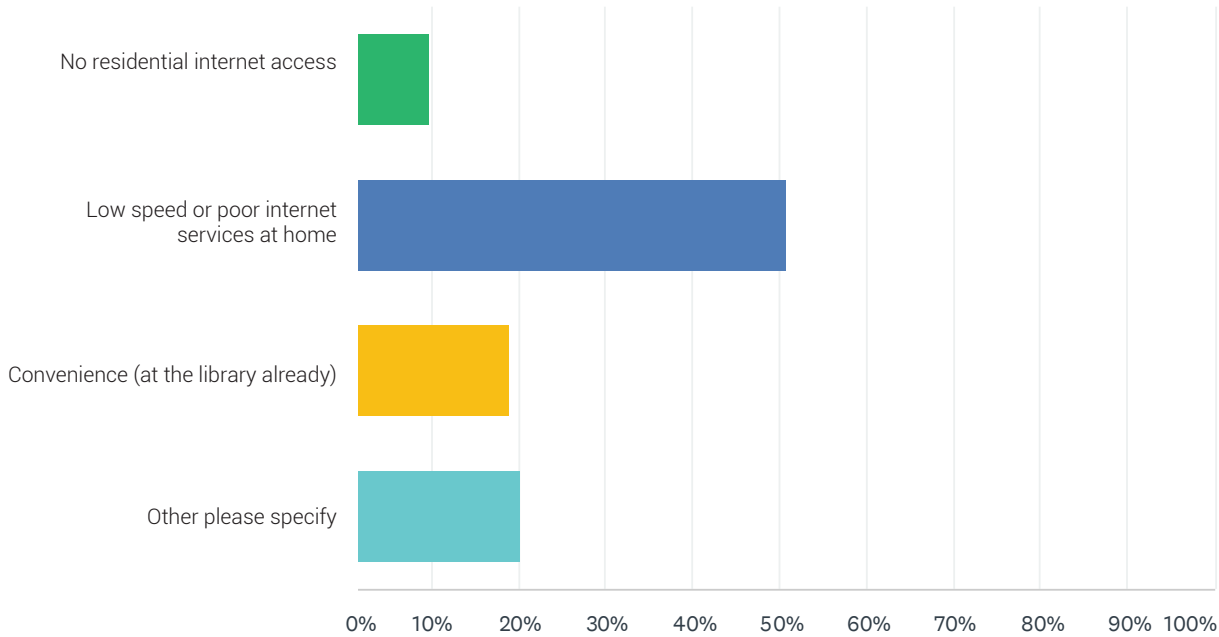
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In the parking lot, or outside at the picnic tables	26.98%	109
Inside the RCPL using the library's computers	11.14%	45
Inside the RCPL using my own device	11.88%	48
Do not use computer/internet at the RCPL	50.00%	202
TOTAL		404

Q11 If you use the RCPL for internet access, is it primarily due to:

Answered: 252 Skipped: 198



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No residential internet access	9.92%	25
Low speed or poor internet services at home	50.79%	128
Convenience (at the library already)	19.05%	48
Other (please specify)	20.24%	51
TOTAL		252

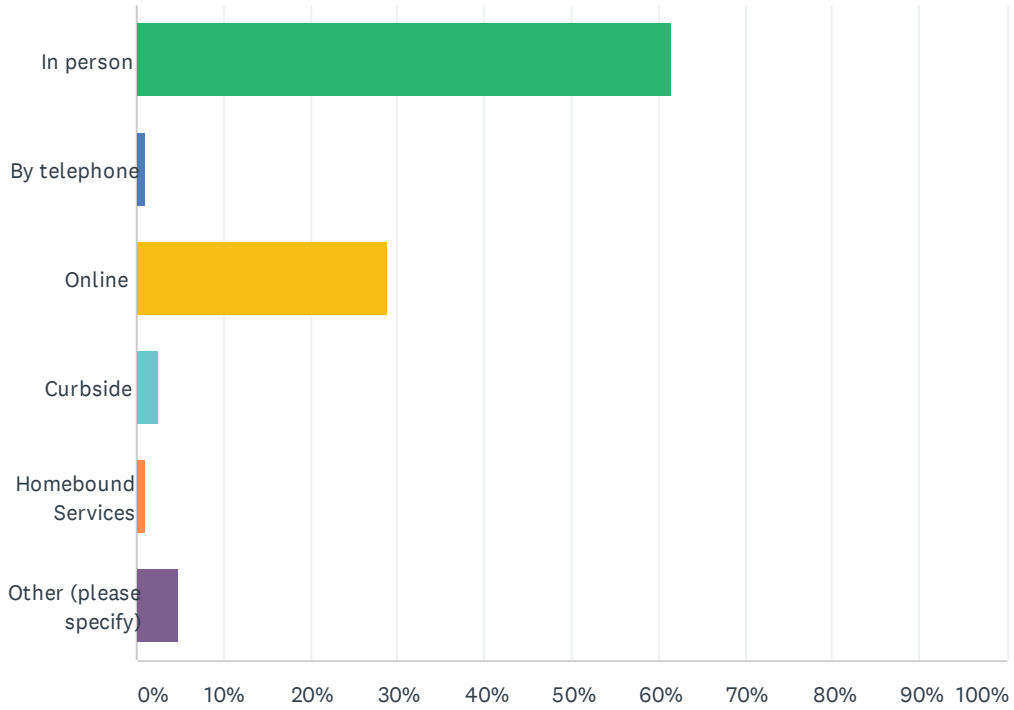
Other (please specify) Write-in Answers

- No longer use. Used to use every day . Too many people with no sense of hygiene.
- Don't use it.
- N/A
- One night a storm knocked out our internet and I had to send a document.
- N/A
- Help from computer educator on site. Very helpful
- None of above
- Low speed internet at home and convenience (already at the library).
- Use it during a meeting
- Do not use for internet access
- I have internet at home.
- Do not use
- Don't use
- N/A
- Did not have a computer I do now
- Mine is not functional
- Have own internet access.
- I don't use it for internet service
- Multiple reason. Library is at an ideal location. Sometimes internet is bad at home. Nice to have a different atmosphere.
- When I'm out and about sometimes I stop because I don't have a cell data signal.
- I'm case of internet failure at home
- NA
- I used to a lot but now have comcast at my studio in Sperryville and Tmobile home internet at home.
- Can't get home in time for a zoom meeting and stop in the library lot if out doing errands
- I used to live in a Rappahannock County location without internet. The Library parking lot was a go-to.
- If my DSL goes down due to weather
- None
- I don't use it.
- N/A
- Don't need your internet
- Don't use
- Don't use it
- Accessing and printing online documents.
- Readily accessible reference materials
- Quieter than home.
- Right now I only use it to check for messages when it is convenient (meaning when I am near-by). My business requires me to drive a lot and all over - I pretty much know certain places where I can access "hotspots" if I am in immediate need of getting a message or a call or to call sheriffs office (phone works on wifi - no tower service available)
- If the internet is down at my residence and I need to communicate I often head over to the library.
- I do not need to use RCPL for internet access ONLY because I work at LFCC. Otherwise, I would use the RCPL for internet access. Based on the # of times I take my children to work to use the internet, I would estimate that I'd use the internet at RCPL monthly if my work situation would change.
- N/A
- Na
- Outages in home internet service
- Comcast failure
- Waiting to pick up kids from activities and the Library has good internet
- Need to check something while away from home
- If I am in the general area working it is certainly easy to use and much closer than going home and even much, much closer than Front Royals .

- Need to print something or use a larger monitor
- I send my tenants, millennials, to the library for high speed internet. I'm a boomer, I can wait
- Do not use
- N/A
- Do not use
- N/A

Q12 How would you prefer to access the RCPL services other than WiFi?

Answered: 359 Skipped: 91



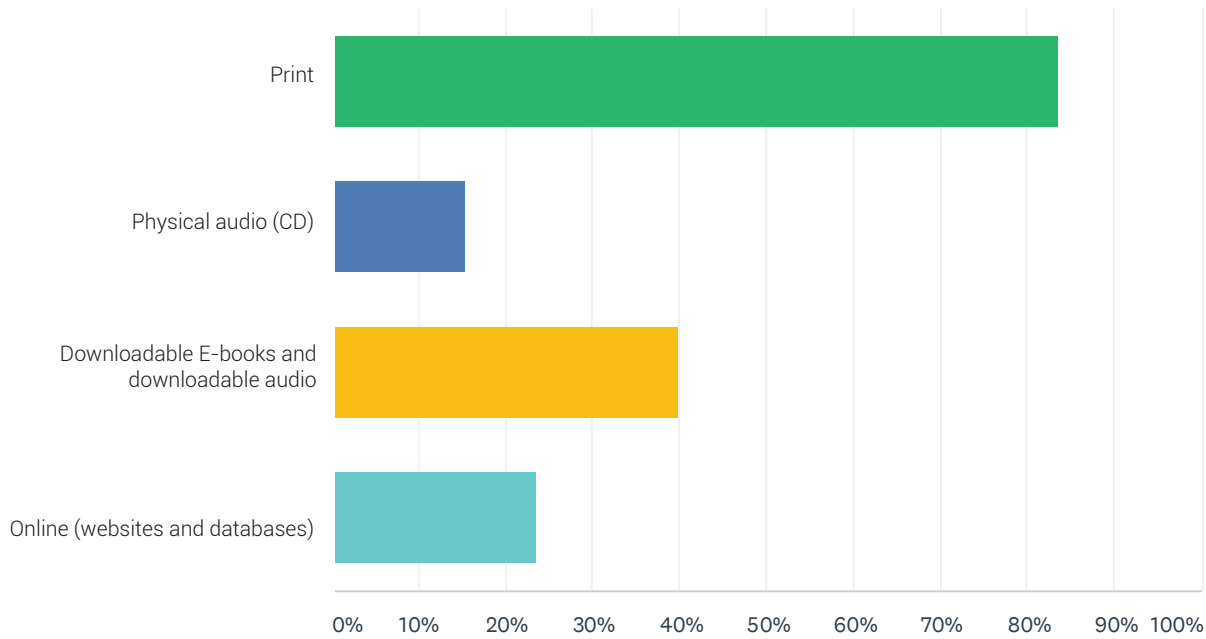
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In person	61.56%	221
By telephone	1.11%	4
Online	28.97%	104
Curbside	2.51%	9
Homebound Services	1.11%	4
Other (please specify)	4.74%	17
TOTAL		359

Other (please specify) Write-in Answers

- I would love to have an interface like Samuels does where I can see books out and books due. Something they don't have that would be wonderful is a way to pay fees online.
- None of above
- No need
- Don't know
- Don't know
- Over my head.
- None
- No preference
- I wish I could answer all that apply to this question.
- FIBER OPTIC Cable - Century Link is great over in Benntonville, Va & Portland, Or.
- Libby
- Sometimes I call to ask if a particular book or periodical archive is available.
- All of the above - if you want to be a class service provider you have to be willing to care for the needs of all of your market .
- When there are events there I will use it as well as the internet use. Been involved in meetings there and will again as long as it is not moved into town.
- Not sure what this question means, but I think wifi is dangerous, would prefer only hard wired internet access.
- N/A
- I don't understand this question

Q13 By which of these formats do you prefer to read books, magazines, and/or newspapers? Check all that apply.

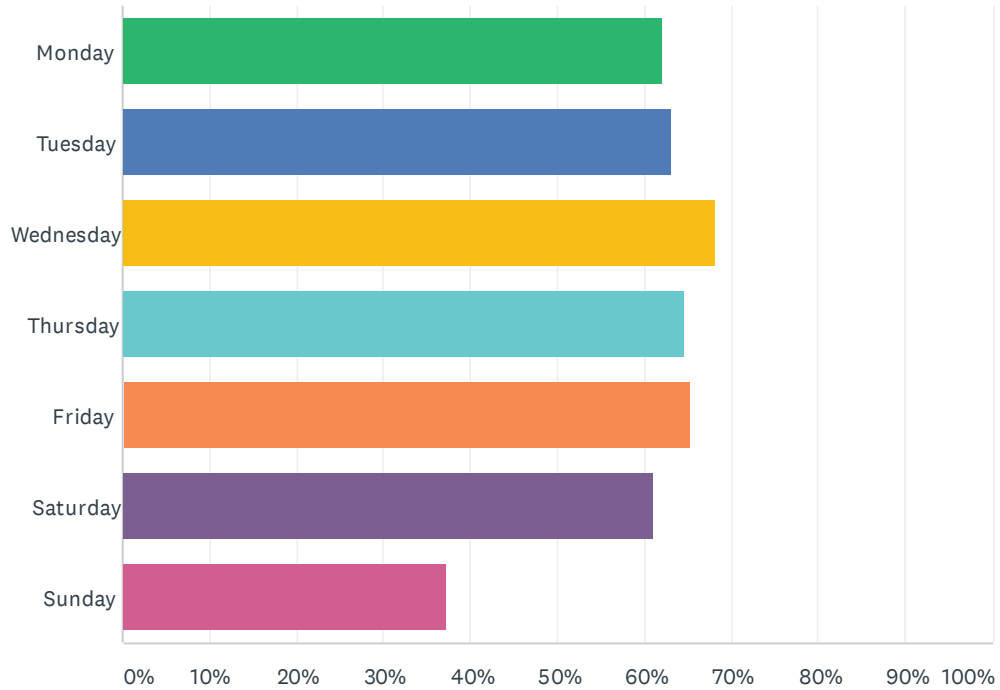
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Print	83.75%	366
Physical audio (CD)	15.56%	68
Downloadable E-books and downloadable audio	40.05%	175
Online (websites and databases)	23.57%	103
Total Respondents: 437		

Q14 What days of the week would you prefer to use the RCPL? Check all that apply.

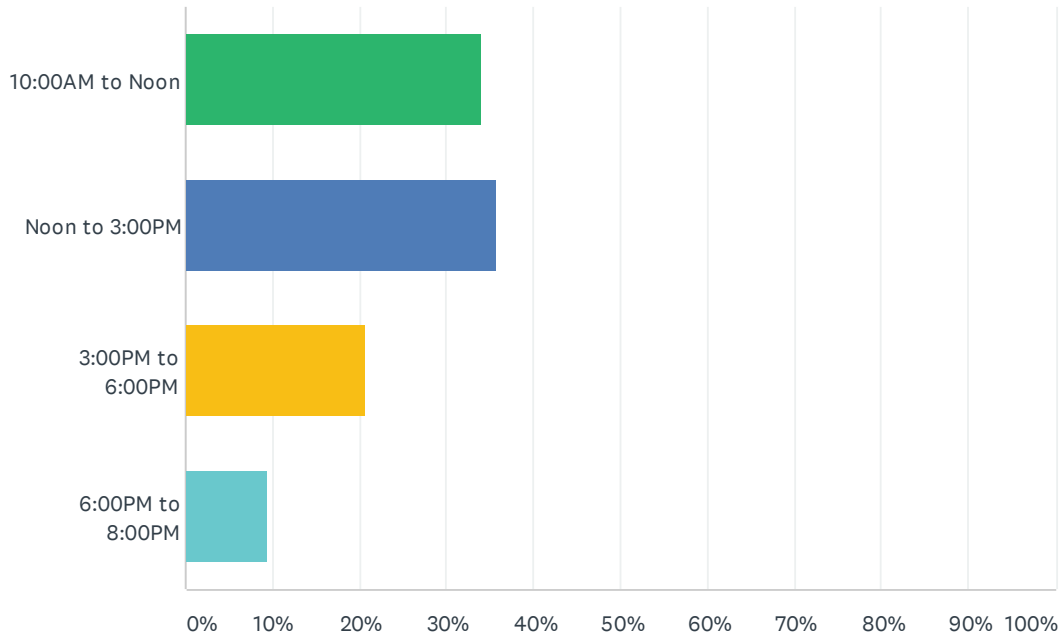
Answered: 377 Skipped: 73



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Monday	62.07% 234
Tuesday	63.13% 238
Wednesday	68.17% 257
Thursday	64.72% 244
Friday	65.25% 246
Saturday	61.01% 230
Sunday	37.14% 140
Total Respondents: 377	

Q15 What time of day would you prefer to use the RCPL?

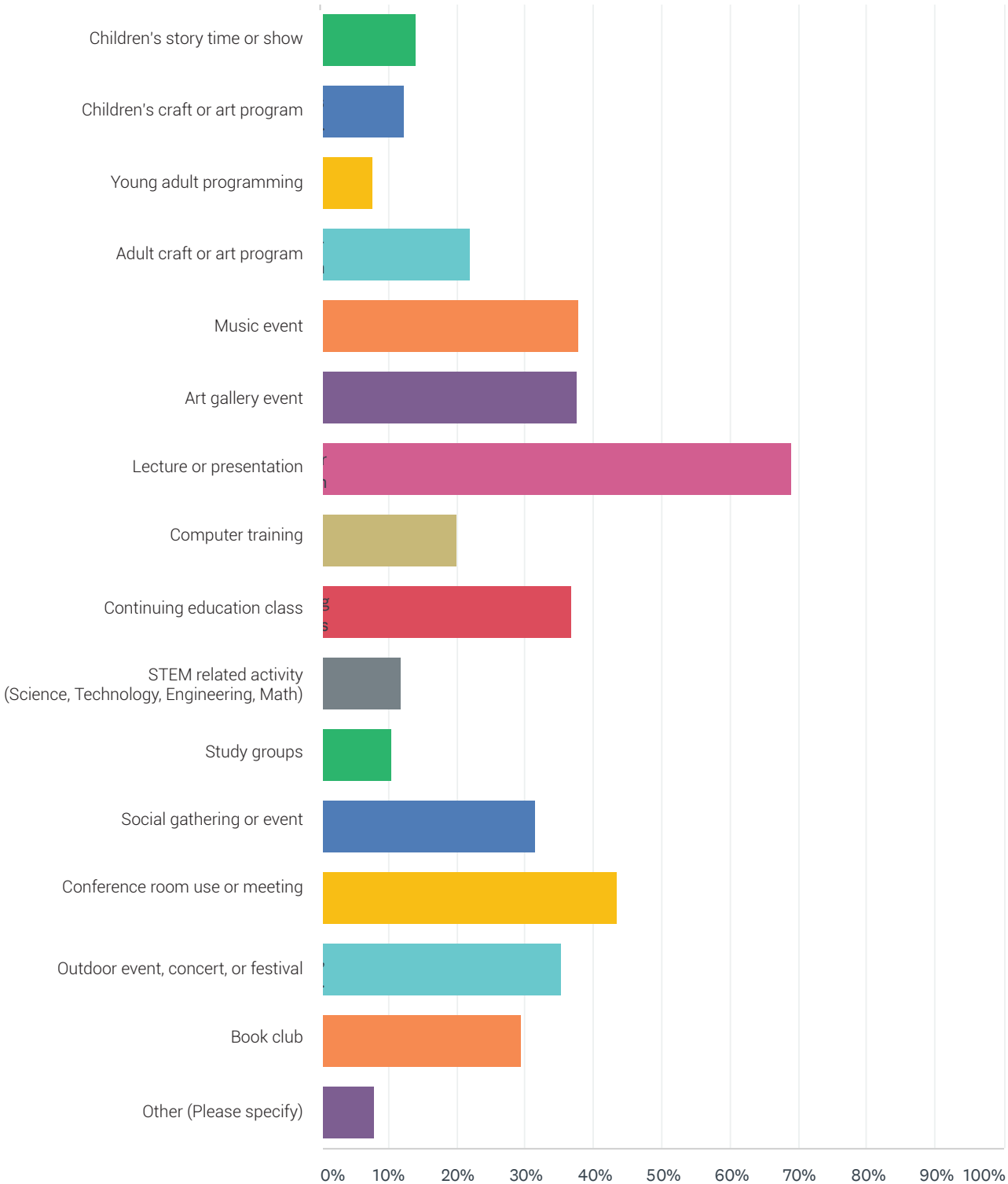
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
10:00AM to Noon	34.03% 130
Noon to 3:00PM	35.86% 137
3:00PM to 6:00PM	20.68% 79
6:00PM to 8:00PM	9.42% 36
TOTAL	382

Q16 What programs would you most likely use at the RCPL? Check all that apply.

Answered: 404 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Children's story time or show	14.11%	57
Children's craft or art program	12.38%	50
Young adult programming	7.67%	31
Adult craft or art program	22.03%	89
Music event	37.87%	153
Art gallery event	37.62%	152
Lecture or presentation	69.06%	279
Computer training	20.05%	81
Continuing education class	36.88%	149
STEM related activity (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)	11.88%	48
Study groups	10.40%	42
Social gathering or event	31.68%	128
Conference room use or meeting	43.56%	176
Outdoor event, concert, or festival	35.40%	143
Book club	29.46%	119
Other (please specify)	7.92%	32
Total Respondents: 404		

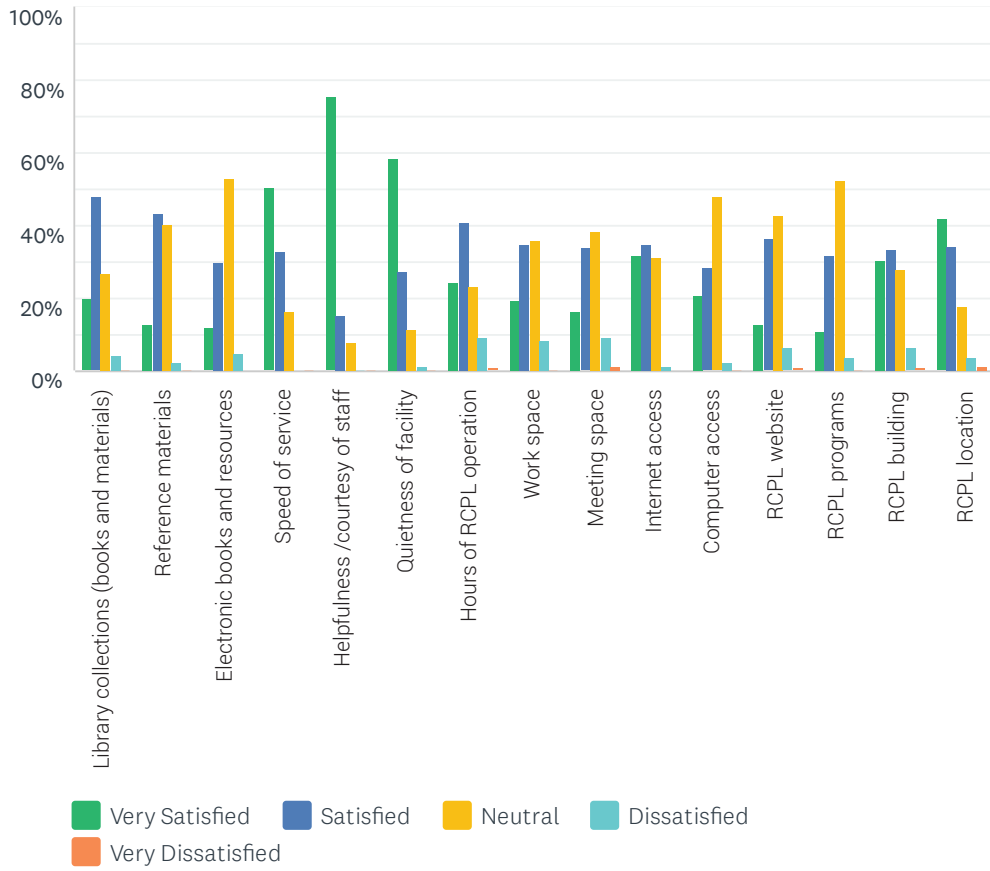
Other (please specify) Write-in Answers

- I think that the library should stay where it is and be improved and enlarged for the community. I think the grant and money received this purpose should consider enlarging and making it a pleasant place to linger. BOOK lovers. To address your survey one must look at the modern day purpose of a library. Which is a much bigger conversation than the questions asked. The library , in my opinion should remain where it is and be modified . As we know book lovers are a dying breed. However I do not go to the library to hear someone on there cell phone doing there shopping while playing on a computer. That is not why I go there. I go for peace and quiet.
- Spanish language events, services, collections
- Not usually in county for those events, but would come if I were
- Being disabled for now, I don't envision yet because of my restrictions/limitations
- I thought the Reading w/a Dog Program (Wagging Hearts???) was valuable and successful.
- Phone use training
- STEAM related activity
- A film related festival would be cool
- Political presentation by congresspeople
- I know there could be sensitivity from some quarters, but I think it would be interesting to have presentations about issues of local interest. For instance, I was recently curious about the indigenous tribes who populated this area prior to the colonial era. I suspect you have some materials in your local history collection which might have helped. I wonder if there are local residents who have conducted serious research on the subject. I would like to hear what they have learned. A book club might be the best forum for this.
- Book displays, authors and speakers on topics of local significance such as history, farming, gardening, forest, business, cooking, arts, barns, housing, food quality, view shed preservation, environment protection, weather, nature observation, bird identification, park information, etc.
- Movie nights/game nights
- Though I no longer have young children, I feel the county could really use more programs for young kids and moms to get together, meet one another, have fun. Maybe some indoor swings and pillows for the kids. Maybe a teenager hired to watch them? It's lonely and isolating to have a baby/child in the area, especially on the weekends. Nowhere to go, no way to meet young moms/families. Thanks!
- MAC computers!
- None
- Na
- Genealogy research
- My child is 17, otherwise I'd check off the children's programs and materials. I did use them, took her to some story times there when she was not school aged.
- Summer Reading Program for kids.
- Don't really access programs
- None. Just get books.
- None
- Genealogy research
- Adult writing groups
- Access to a notary public services.
- Checking out books
- 1 time thing
- Mostly, I am interested I the collections, not in programs.

- We don't have a facility large enough for programs like RAAC's Friday night speaker series. Even the theater is too small for the audience some could draw, plus it has no space for an accompanying exhibit. For example my brother-in-law is the 'grandfather' of storm chasing and would be an interesting speaker. He would need to show slides and video and would have interesting artifacts so a display area for those would be nice as well. The theater doesn't work for that.
- Socially conscious courses like Virginia Task force re: drugs as one example, open meetings from all area groups maybe once every month or every other month so people can peruse and see what they choose to participate in
- We would love to participate in children's programming or young adult programming when our son gets older, but our availability to do so depends on the schedule (we both work 8-4 M-F so daytime weekday events wouldn't work for our family).

Q17 How would you rate the following services?

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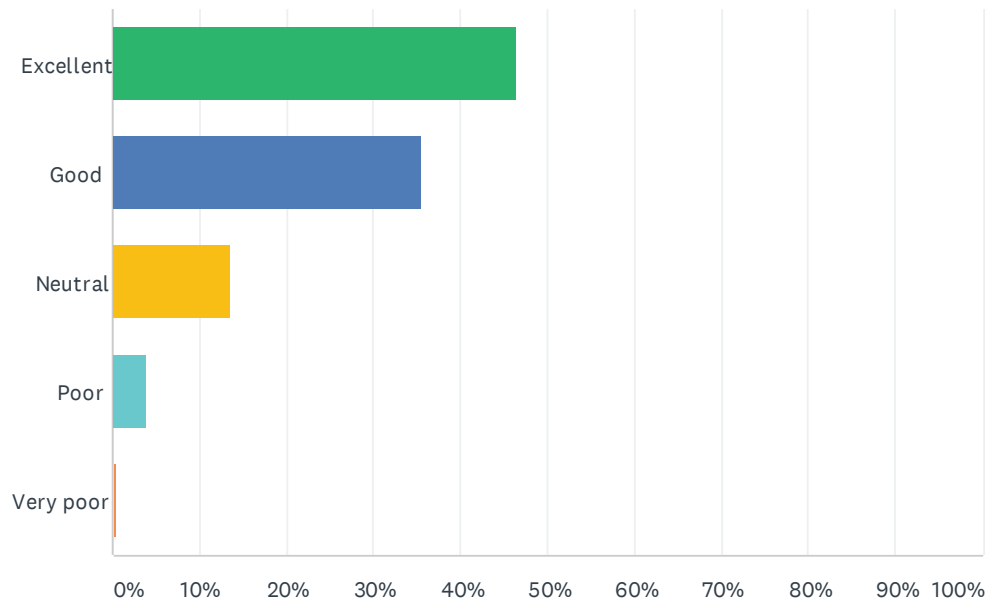


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	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	TOTAL
Library collections (books and materials)	20.05% 78	47.81% 186	27.25% 106	4.63% 18	0.26% 1	389
Reference materials	13.18% 46	43.27% 151	40.69% 142	2.58% 9	0.29% 1	349
Electronic books and resources	12.16% 40	29.79% 98	53.19% 175	4.86% 16	0.00% 0	329
Speed of service	50.40% 187	32.88% 122	16.44% 61	0.00% 0	0.27% 1	371
Helpfulness/courtesy of staff	75.45% 295	15.60% 61	8.18% 32	0.51% 2	0.26% 1	391
Quietness of facility	58.75% 225	27.42% 105	11.75% 45	1.57% 6	0.52% 2	383
Hours of the RCPL operation	24.74% 95	40.89% 157	23.70% 91	9.64% 37	1.04% 4	384
Work space	19.55% 70	35.20% 126	36.03% 129	8.66% 31	0.56% 2	358
Meeting space	16.67% 61	34.15% 125	38.25% 140	9.56% 35	1.37% 5	366
Internet access	31.82% 112	34.94% 123	31.53% 111	1.70% 6	0.00% 0	352
Computer access	20.91% 69	28.48% 94	47.88% 158	2.42% 8	0.30% 1	330
RCPL website	13.13% 44	36.42% 122	42.99% 144	6.27% 21	1.19% 4	335
RCPL programs	11.21% 37	32.12% 106	52.42% 173	3.94% 13	0.30% 1	330
RCPL building	30.68% 112	33.42% 122	28.22% 103	6.58% 24	1.10% 4	365
RCPL location	42.20% 157	34.68% 129	18.01% 67	3.76% 14	1.34% 5	372

Q18 What is your impression of the location of the current RCPL?

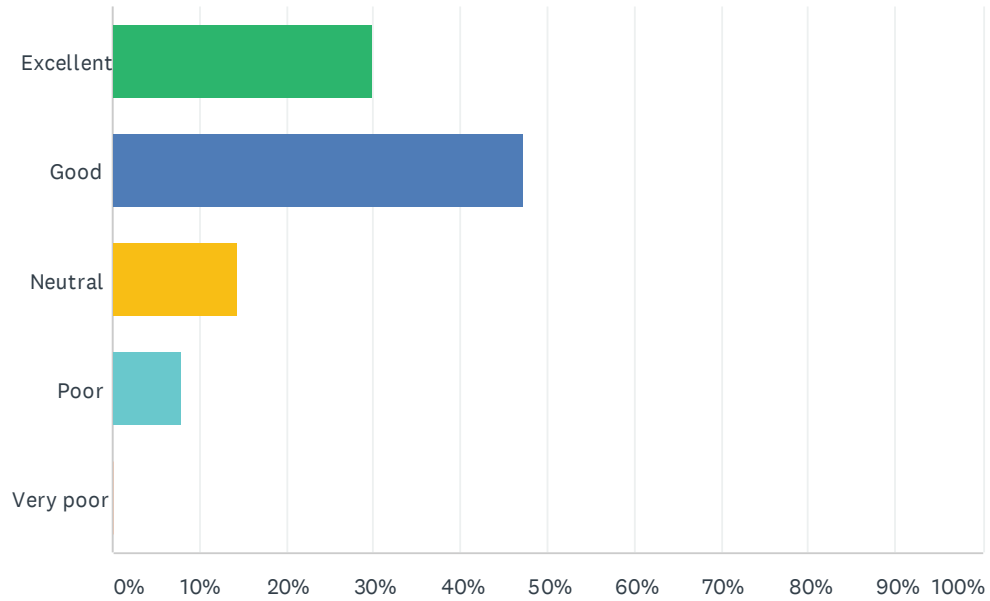
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	46.42%	201
Good	35.57%	154
Neutral	13.63%	59
Poor	3.93%	17
Very poor	0.46%	2
TOTAL		433

Q19 What is your impression of parking at the RCPL?

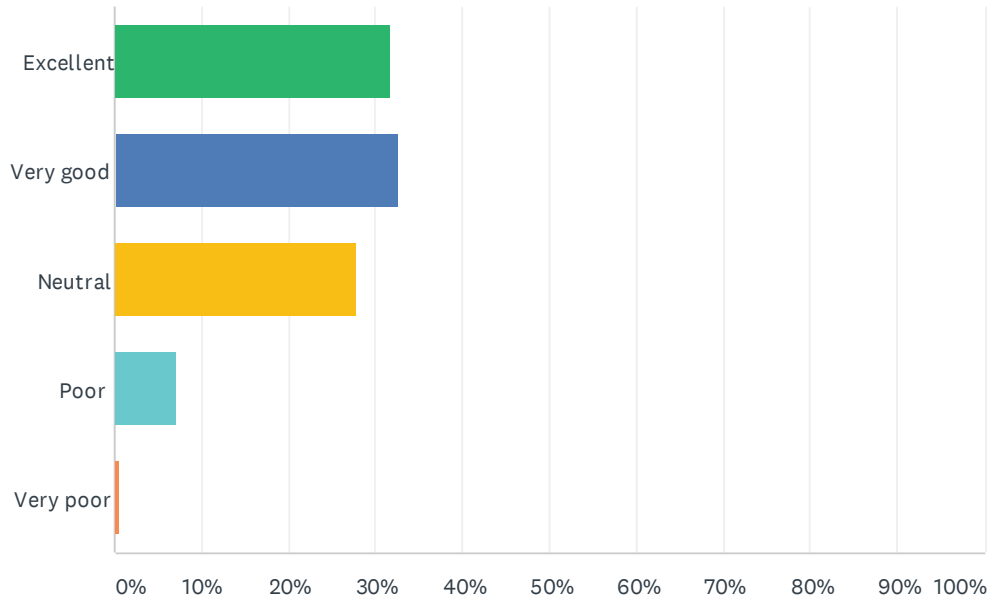
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	29.98%	131
Good	47.37%	207
Neutral	14.42%	63
Poor	8.01%	35
Very poor	0.23%	1
TOTAL		437

Q20 What is your impression of the RCPL building?

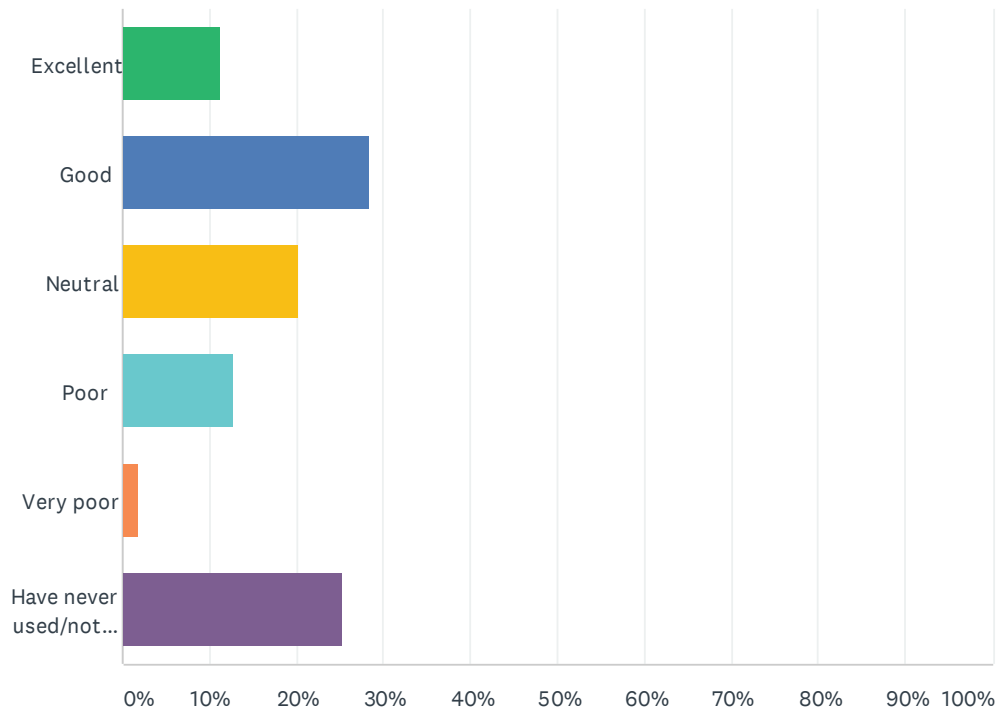
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	31.88%	139
Very good	32.57%	142
Neutral	27.75%	121
Poor	7.11%	31
Very poor	0.69%	3
TOTAL		436

Q21 What is your impression of the functionality of the meeting room?

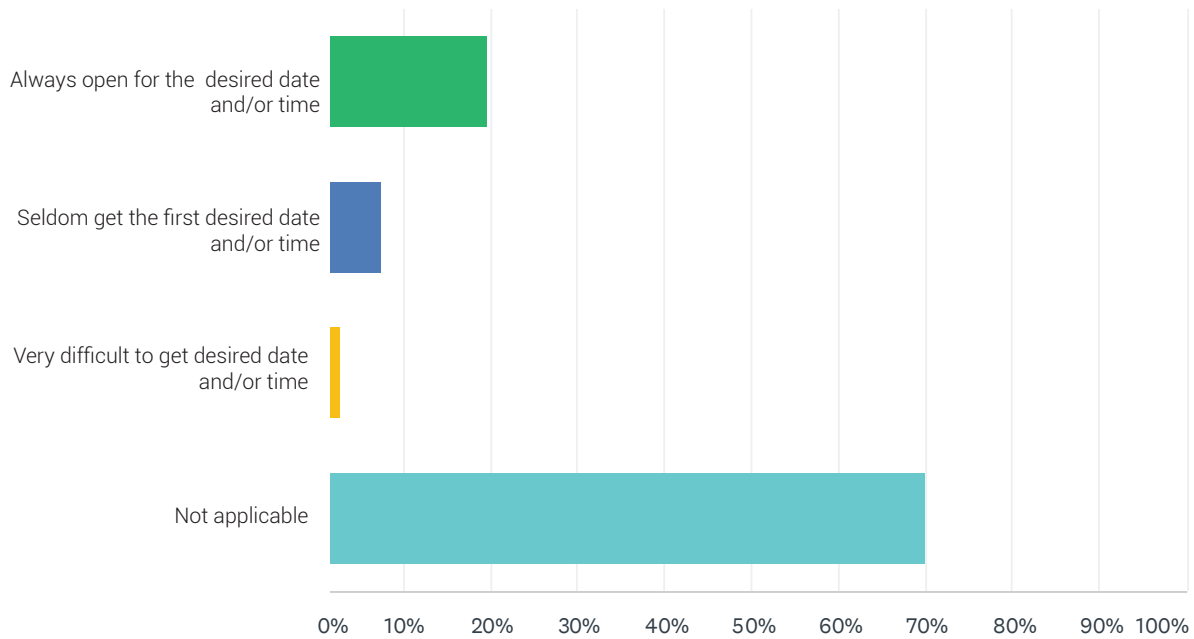
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	11.39%	50
Good	28.47%	125
Neutral	20.27%	89
Poor	12.76%	56
Very poor	1.82%	8
Have never used/not applicable	25.28%	111
TOTAL		439

Q22 What is your impression of the availability of the meeting room?

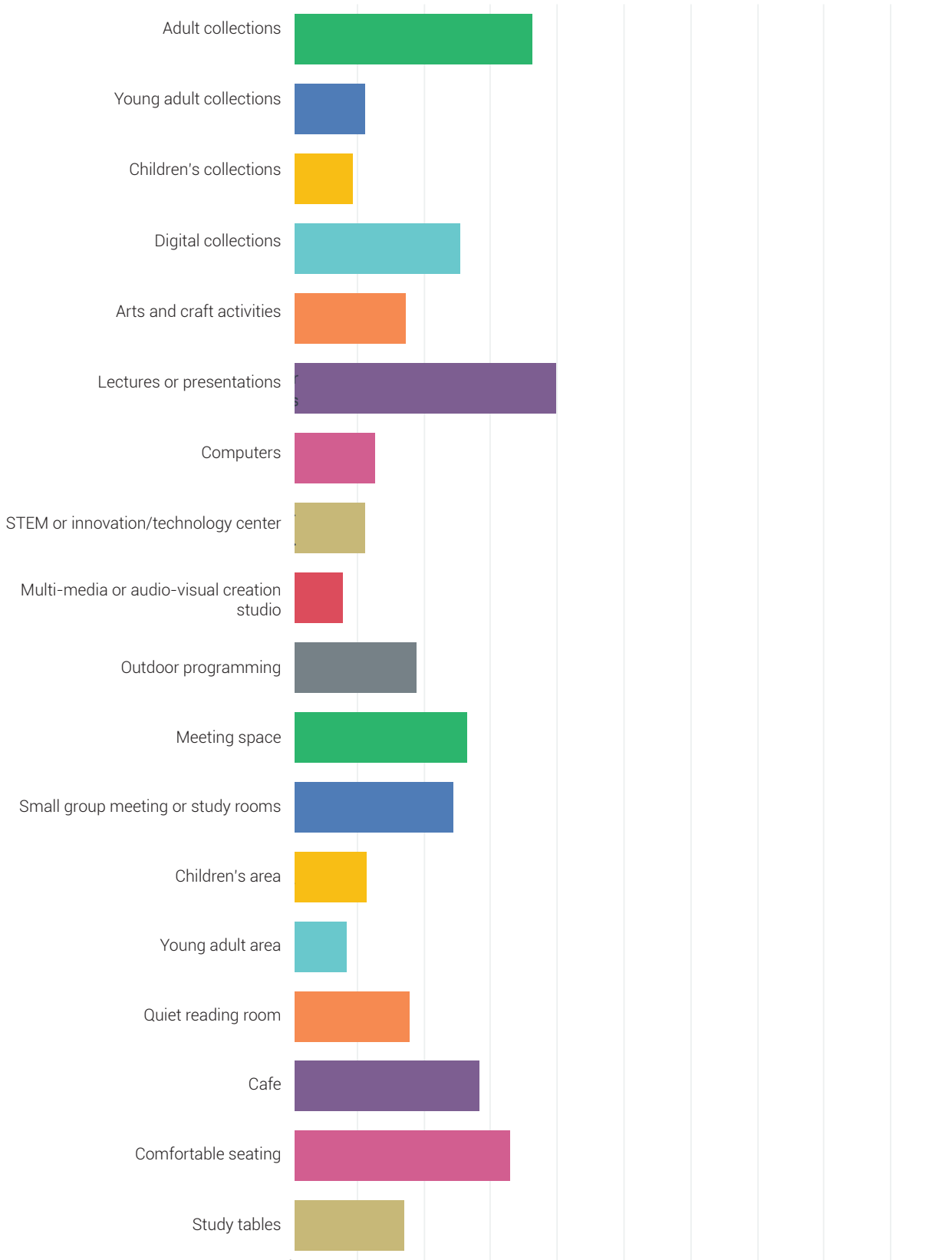
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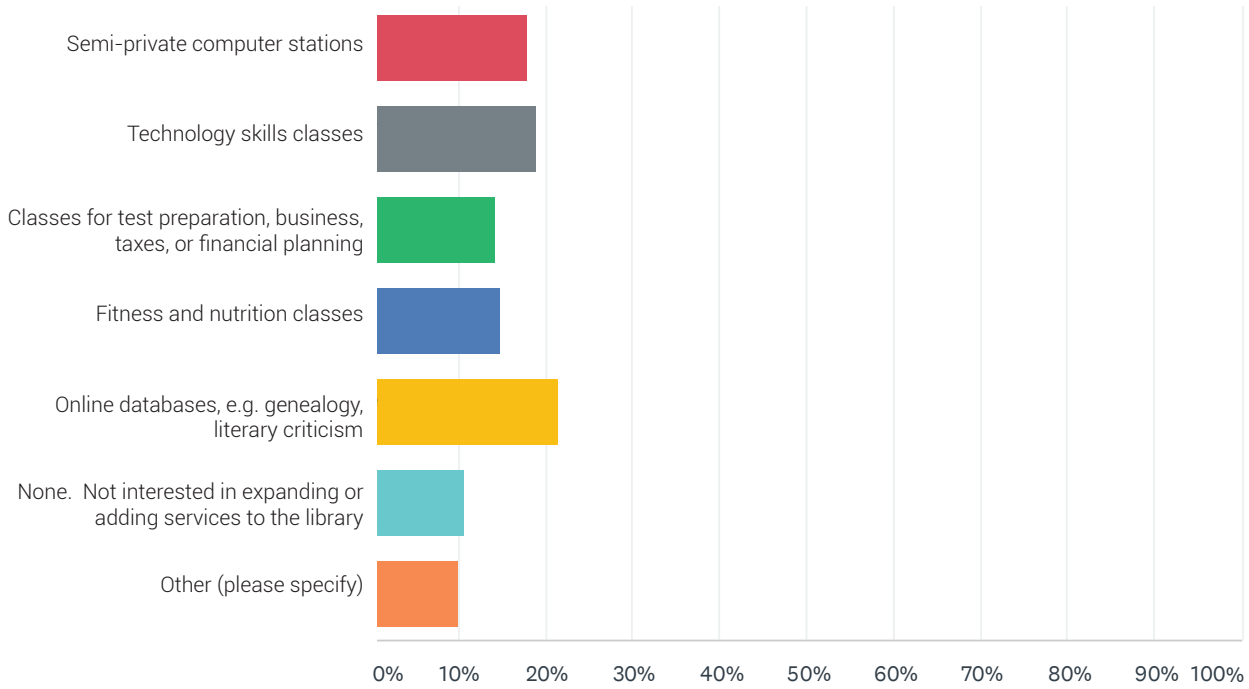
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always open for the desired date and/or time	19.77%	85
Seldom get the first desired date and/or time	7.44%	32
Very difficult to get desired date and/or time	2.79%	12
Not applicable	70.00%	301
TOTAL		430

Q23 What services would you like to see added or expanded in the RCPL? Check all that apply.

Answered: 415 Skipped: 35



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Adult collections	36.39%	151
Young adult collections	11.33%	47
Children's collections	9.40%	39
Digital collections	25.54%	106
Arts and craft activities	17.35%	72
Lectures or presentations	40.00%	166
Computers	12.77%	53
STEM or innovation/technology center	11.33%	47
Multi-media or audio-visual creation studio	7.95%	33
Outdoor programming	19.04%	79
Meeting space	26.51%	110
Small group meeting or study rooms	24.58%	102
Children's area	11.57%	48
Young adult area	8.67%	36
Quiet reading room	18.07%	75
Cafe	28.43%	118
Comfortable seating	33.01%	137
Study tables	17.11%	71
Semi-private computer stations	18.07%	75
Technology skills classes	19.04%	79
Classes for test preparation, business, taxes, or financial planning	14.22%	59
Fitness and nutrition classes	14.94%	62
Online databases, e.g. genealogy, literary criticism	21.45%	89
None. Not interested in expanding or adding services to the library	10.60%	44
Other (please specify)	10.12%	42
Total Respondents: 415		

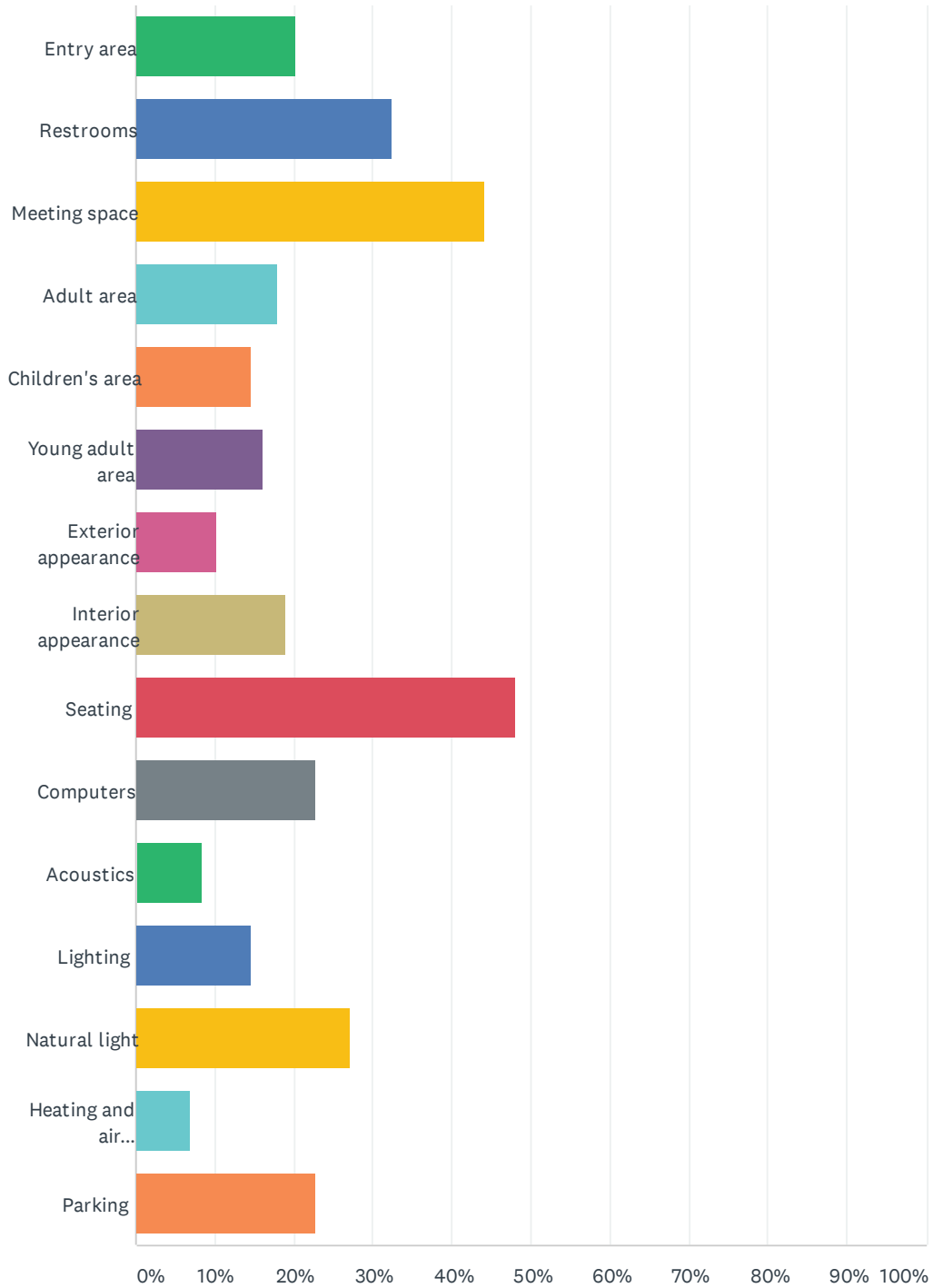
Other (please specify) Write-in Answers

- I am very satisfied with the library as it is. If internet speed can be improved when many users are on WiFi, that is only thing I can think of
- Music listening room, display area or window (for hobbies, etc & related books)
- Forgive my lack of imagination, these are great ideas
- ?
- Love it!
- Tech info classes (computer/phone use)
- STEAM
- Film
- Unless a more comfortable - chairs - tables - less shabby place - I won't linger in the library - my teens do not consider the library for them.
- Financial data base
- Would like to see longer check out periods for Overdrive books.
- I think the library should build special collections of relevance such as Virginia history including Native American and African American populations, development of the Shenandoah National Park and related resettlement, environmental and agricultural material related to the area.
- Don't use it enough to choose
- High School would provide all the needs for most of the listed expanded activities. With the Zoom and other online capabilities being deployed the need for a dedicated space for face to face meetings is diminishing
- Classes For MAC computers
- Programs to support our full or part-time farmers and ranchers; programs to support renovation of old farm houses and buildings. Would welcome programs to support development of new A/V bloggers
- Computer training
- I see the library's potential to do more to bring our community together: cultural events, lectures, book discussions, and so on. We have so many residents with interesting backgrounds to share.
- None
- Keep current library location and building. Great as is especially for college/studying. Nothing wrong with better/improved technology, seating, tables, study atmosphere, etc.
- Resources are typically biased to the left. Bring in more "far right" publications and you'll be better balanced because what you consider to be far right is really mainstream.
- NA
- I think the library is wonderful as it is, however, if it were to expand then keep it to the books, arts, and crafts please.
- For a small library you do a very nice job. Things do seem to be weighted towards a politically liberal point of view in the stocking of the shelves. A little more balance would be appreciated.
- A cafe is not at all essential but it sure sounds attractive to have something like that nearby!
- I'd also be interested in volunteering to help people with technology skills.
- Could do with more parking probably and the building footprint is small. Maybe an addition and rework the current space. The setting and location are great and you do a great job with the budget given. I enjoy visiting when I need to, pleasant space and experience.
- Book authors to speak.
- None
- Generally the county needs some larger meeting spaces available to the public to reserve. This doesn't necessarily have to be at the library.
- Increased ebook collection licenses.
- Question 22 was awful. There is a huge difference between "Always" and "Seldom" but you did not offer "Usually," which is what I wanted to answer.

- Nonprofits in the county are moving to new online platforms but adequate classes are not locally available. Training can be done online, but some skills are best learned in person
- Expanding lecture activities with appropriate publicity expanding book barn activities/donations/ sales and access offering classes on bridge, board games, chess tournaments and other small group activities
- Conference room for up to 20 people
- Audio books
- Interlibrary loans from other libraries. The capability to search the RCPL catalog and reserve items online. This was not available last time I checked.
- Love everything the library has to offer. I like it a lot better than Culpeper. Only thing is the distance.
- Expanded Rappahannock-specific collections. For example, move the Rappahannock Historical Society collections to the Library.
- Enrichment programs
- DVD/movie collection

Q24 What aspects of the existing facility would you like see improved? Check all that apply.

Answered: 272 Skipped: 178

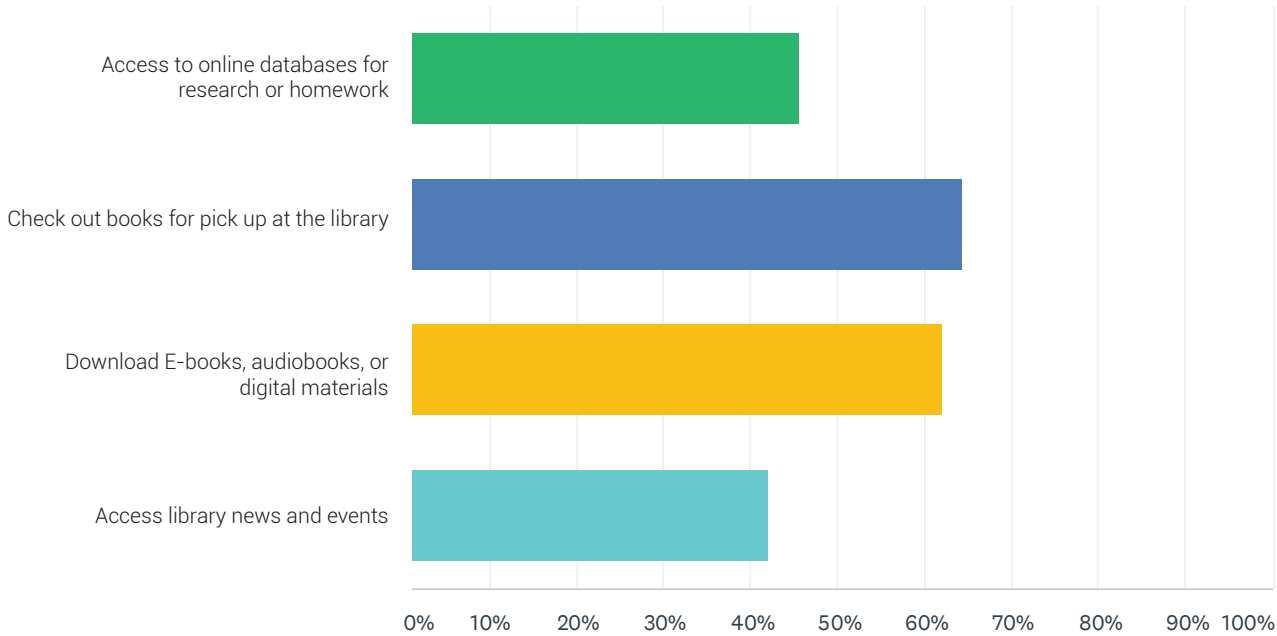


RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Entry area	20.22%	55
Restrooms	32.35%	88
Meeting space	44.12%	120
Adult area	18.01%	49
Children's area	14.71%	40
Young adult area	16.18%	44
Exterior appearance	10.29%	28
Interior appearance	19.12%	52
Seating	48.16%	131
Computers	22.79%	62
Acoustics	8.46%	23
Lighting	14.71%	40
Natural light	27.21%	74
Heating and air conditioning	6.99%	19
Parking	22.79%	62
Total Respondents: 272		

Q25 Do you or would you use the RCPL website for any of the following activities?

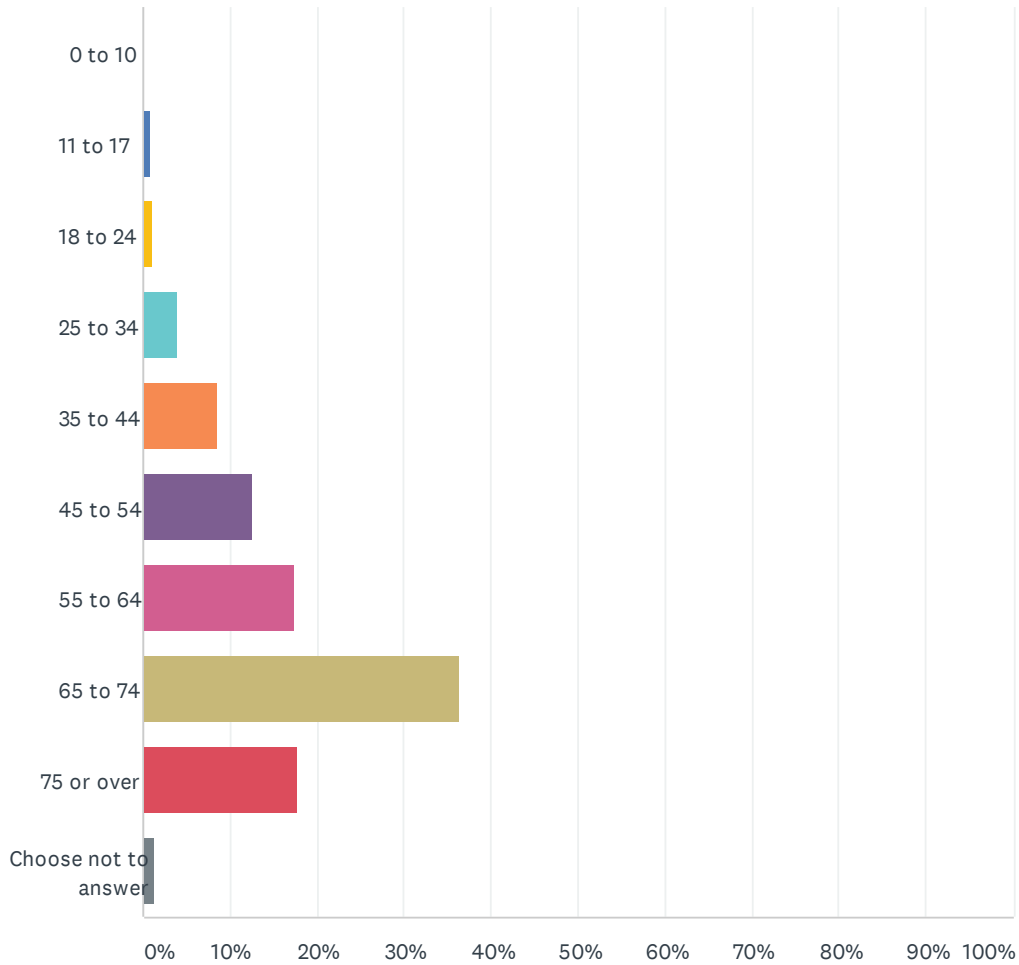
Answered: 340 Skipped: 110



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Access to online databases for research or homework	45.59%	155
Check out books for pick up at the library	64.41%	219
Download E-books, audiobooks, or digital materials	62.06%	211
Access library news and events	42.06%	143
Total Respondents: 340		

Q26 What is your age?

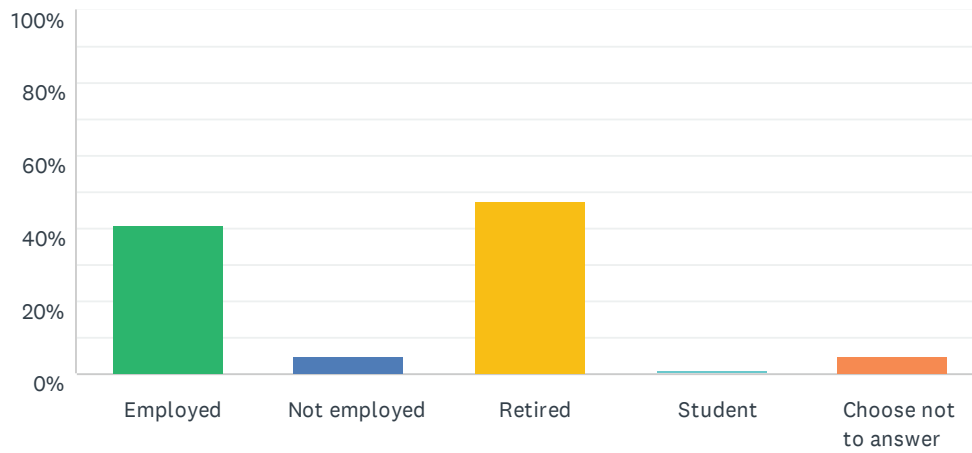
Answered: 445 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 to 10	0.00%	0
11 to 17	0.90%	4
18 to 24	1.12%	5
25 to 34	4.04%	18
35 to 44	8.54%	38
45 to 54	12.58%	56
55 to 64	17.30%	77
65 to 74	36.40%	162
75 or over	17.75%	79
Choose not to answer	1.35%	6
TOTAL		445

Q27 What is your employment status?

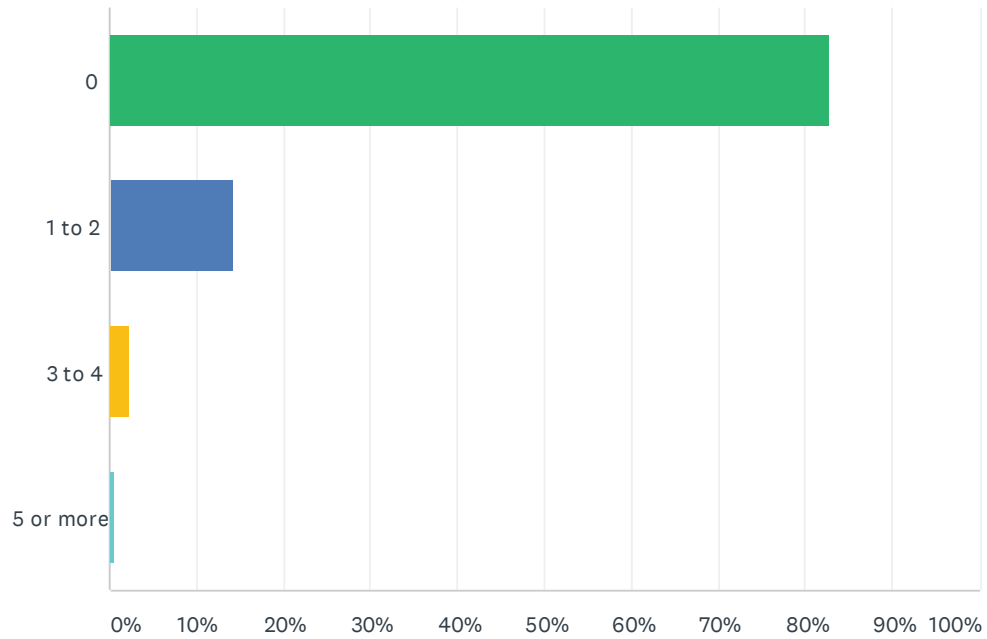
Answered: 442 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employed	40.95%	181
Not employed	4.98%	22
Retired	47.74%	211
Student	1.13%	5
Choose not to answer	5.20%	23
TOTAL		442

Q28 How many children do you have between the ages of birth and 12 who would use the RCPL?

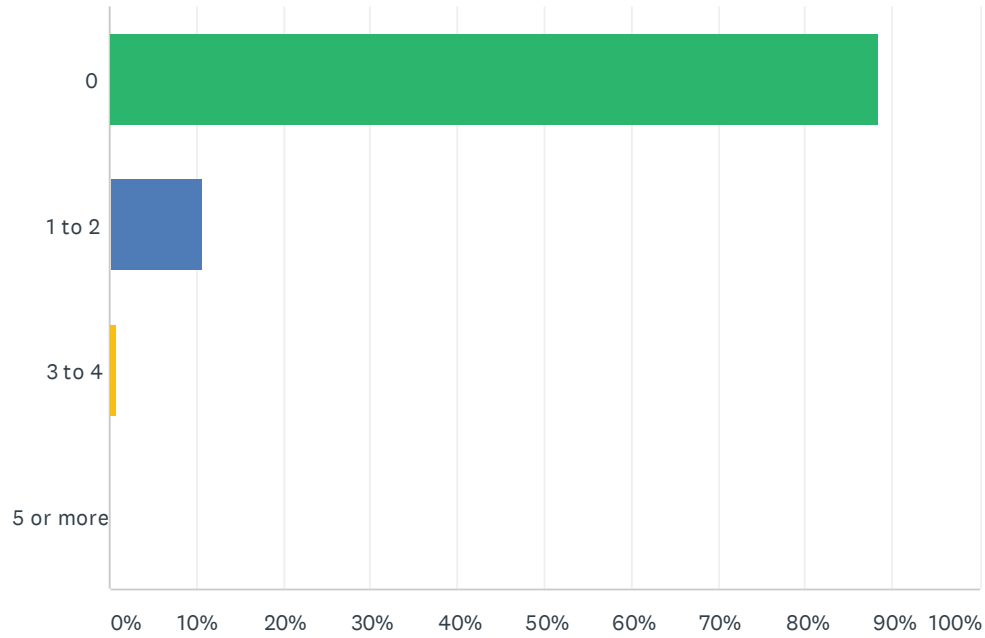
Answered: 438 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	82.88%	363
1 to 2	14.16%	62
3 to 4	2.28%	10
5 or more	0.68%	3
TOTAL		438

Q29 How many young adults do you have between the ages of 13 and 18 who would use the RCPL?

Answered: 433 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0	88.45% 383
1 to 2	10.62% 46
3 to 4	0.92% 4
5 or more	0.00% 0
TOTAL	433

Q30 Are there any observations or comments you would like to add about the existing RCPL and the need for library services in the County?

Names used in responses to the survey have been REDACTED for privacy reasons.

- About to close all comments in five minutes but I would be happy to talk with someone.
- Excellent librarians! Friendly and knowledgeable. Always available to answer questions! Thanks!
- I also buy books on Amazon
- I am a new RCPL user. Really excited to see this wonderful resource available
- I love the library. I have lived in other places with much larger multiple library locations, but the Rapp library is a very special place, it is a community hub, I love the building, the local art, the antiques, the staff is incredible. I do not want to see it moved or commercialized. I want it to keep its charm. It is perfect just as it is.
- This library is attractive and well maintained. I would like to see it larger, with more to offer and therefore more attractive. Above all, the library should be where people are and frequently come, near town buildings, restaurants, and/or post office
- I am not familiar with your programs for children as I have no need for them, but I would think that encouraging children to use the library would be a real challenge worth working for.
- I love the library as it is, modern and efficient. It seems perfectly suited in size and scope to our rural community. I wonder where the desire to change something perfect comes from? Especially during a time where the county seems to lack resources to address things that don't work. However, if there is money to spend as I just found it, then offering classes to help us locals learn to navigate this world, use cameras, make movies, record music: a plethora of local musicians live here, art, writing: yes. Thank you for asking for our feedback.
- Such an important place in our community!
- Love the county, library, and friendly/professional staff. Building is aged and needs work
- Best library around. Best, friendliest staff. **REDACTED** does an incredible job
- Would like a greater number of non crime oriented male fiction authors
- The library should be in a town or next to the school
- I like the idea of the library relocating to "Black Kettle Commons" because that would make it walkable for folks who live in town. I was sorry to see it locate outside of town though the larger building was good. I wonder though what would become of the existing building.
- I feel the existing library is adequate at this point. The location is good, and it is never crowded when I am here.
- Add "The Economist" to your magazine collection
- A fine small community library
- LOVE the staff!
- I love the books and magazines for sale in the lobby and always spend too much. I am grateful I am never available to hit the book barn because of the temptation to spend too much!! I admit - I am a book-a-holic. I don't believe we citizens need to come up with the money to create a California-looking Rapp building like was shown in the BOS presentation. UGLY! and my good friends **REDACTED** would HATE it (as did several other people at the BOS presentation!)

- I love our library and the people who work there are the best!!!
- No
- An expansion of books available is the biggest need (physical, digital and audio downloads)
- Would love to see online renewals and better website!
- It just could be so much more - nice staff - ok offerings of books - but building not up to par any more. Folks here do not seem to think we deserve more
- Happy I was able to go to meeting at school to hear about possibilities - it is time for a modern library especially for our school aged children
- Bathroom stinks!!! Could be the water? Interior needs reno/ upgrade.
- The children's programming back in the '90's was an integral part of my boys' development for social, educational and general curiosity development. The staff has always been so welcoming to my family.
- Outstanding staff.
- I am in favor of building a new library which would be better than a renovation of an old building
- The library and its staff, as is, is one of the nicest features of the Rappahannock County. I appreciate its country ambiance and would be very disappointed if the location of the library changes. Any pressure by realtors and property developers to move the library for the sake of 'progress' should be resisted. Library staff is best informed to make decisions about needed upgrades.
- I do NOT want the Library moved or changed in any way! It is a fine library and you should leave it alone! I did not fill out all the questions because they do not concern me as a citizen and the use of my library on a regular basis! I am not for moving the Library. Take care of any maintenance issues it has but leave it alone!
- While I am relatively happy with the library I support improvements that will benefit local students and families.
- See above comment
- I have never felt dissatisfied with the library services in the County. I use every library that I have access to, depending upon where I happen to be. I work in Culpeper, so it's more convenient to go there to the library.
- The library staff is your greatest asset. Knowledgeable, friendly, helpful, kind.
- Expand the books available from Overdrive. I don't use audio books, just the Kindle versions.
- I think you provide a very important service to the community.
- None
- Re: Meeting rooms: Presently RCPL serves some functions that might be provided by a community center. It would be useful to determine what will be an efficient and effective way to meet the community's need in the future ... might RCPL play a dual role? If so, what would be its scope?
- It is very important to modernize our current library, especially its technological capabilities. Physically it would do well to be a more open, welcoming space responsive to different age groups and uses.
- We love the library!
- I like the location and size of our library.
- No
- I have always enjoyed and been pleased with the library.

- The meeting room is under utilized and a really great 'neutral' meeting place especially for county issues.
- I like the used books for sale in the separate building. Would like to see it open more often
- A new building at Rush River Commons may be the best solution to the financial and technical challenges to be encountered by renovating the present building
- Nope
- Do not move the library from current location
- I don't see it as a community resource now. I'd love to see it play a bigger role in community
- **REDACTED** has been wonderful for my family for years, always so knowledgeable and helpful. I love the idea of the ukulele group that meets and instruments that can be checked out. Might be nice to have a selection of toys or games that can be checked out, as well. I don't know how much people read actual books any more, but the library could become a community center/Lord Fairfax campus/place to meet some of the greater needs of county residents a place of learning, stimulation, community gathering, art, and music. I like the idea of a cafe, just don't know how many people would use it. Thanks!
- I love it. I think it's a great benefit to community. Would like more one on one computers and staff. Individuals with special learning needs more assistance for them.
- Overall I am pleased with the library. I haven't used since mask mandates, but prior to, the staff has been outstanding. The seating is a bit uncomfortable.
- Exciting opportunity for Rappahannock County! I love the Samuels library in Front Royal and would love to have local access to this type of multi use learning facility.
- My family loves the RCPL and its wonderful staff! It's such a welcoming place and a community space. The Warrenton library has a bigger selection of books, but RCPL is great about ordering books on request.
- N/a
- I do not think we need a new library at a different location. For our population, the existing library can be modified and improved.
- No
- I like the idea of locating a new, tech savvy library at the development proposed in Little Washington—within walking distance of Food Pantry and Post Office, other offices. The present Library building could be retasked with county offices, meeting facilities, historical museum, art center, etc. There are a myriad of possibilities!
- The library is an asset to your community and surrounding counties. I prefer it over larger systems because of your friendly and professional staff and their attention to detail.
- I like RCPL and feel that all communities should have a library available.
- It may be off-topic, but I have really enjoyed and read a lot of works in the local authors collection.
- Extended weekend hours would give us something "to do" in the county on Sat and Sunday
- Our current library and location is perfect the way it is.
- Hello, **REDACTED** and I used the library a lot and loved it when we owned property in Flint Hill. The farm was sold, husband died, and I no longer will use your facility. Your survey is a good idea. **REDACTED**
- I always recommend family restrooms and baby changing tables in both men's and women's restrooms. Thank you!

- I strongly believe that the library is the center of the community. However, I am concerned about some of the suggestions here. The library should not duplicate efforts that already exist in the county. Art programs, lectures, continuing education, craft programs, etc. are all already offered by various organizations. If those happen, they should be done in partnership with those organizations. I abhor the focus on STEM and believe that is the last thing the library needs to provide the community. The library needs to promote literacy, literature, and access to information. Everything should be centered around that. I know a lot of programming is popular at libraries right now; that's great for larger communities, but it can be a distraction. Libraries are about putting books in people's hands (real books, not ebooks unless it is absolutely necessary). So I think the focus should be on expanding the collection, creating an inviting place for people to spend time reading and studying, and hosting events that promote literacy and literature (host events with literary themes, hold a reading buddies group for young kids and older kids or adults to read together, celebrate Dr. Seuss Day, coordinate activities with the local schools, etc.). I also think a home delivery program for books would be beneficial because it's all about putting books in hands. Expanding the collection of large print books will be helpful for meeting the needs of the aging population as well.
- My needs have always been met... facility, staff and resources. However, I support growth and resources to support new services or needs of the community!
- The internet has revolutionized information access but still has a long way to go in enabling rapid discovery of information to meet specialized needs. If libraries have an enduring role, it is in the connection of patrons with desired information. This can take the form of physical connections. as in guest lectures, mentor/guide programs, or invitational events to special collection providers, such as Virginia Tech Extension.
- Leave the library right where it is. It's a beautiful building and meets my needs as a community library.
- Need to attract more users, need to educate public as to what's available
- Thank you for engaging the public in this initiative.
- None
- No
- Thank you for initiating this survey to learn how library is doing & could improve.
- I'm far from well-informed about the so-called Black Kettle development. But instinct suggests that the library might want to be part of that --- a cultural center to enhance the quality of economic development. Perhaps instead of calling it a Library, we could have a Rappahannock Cultural Center? I can read books in my home --- but would drive to interesting Cultural Center events. Just a thought.
- The library is a very nice facility that serves the county very well . I honestly cannot think of any reasons why it would need any major changes. The location is excellent, regardless of where you live in the county. I highly recommend the library stay right where it is !
- Very dissatisfied that the hours are so limited when other surrounding area libraries are back on their regular full time schedule. Library for sure should be open on Saturdays.
- I think the existing Library is functional and in the perfect location. Is this being done because the employees want it or the public?
- Do not move to the Black Kettle Commons under any circumstances
- We have a good library now, but it is no longer up to date. As so many students don't have quality internet at home, they need the availability of study space that it could provide. Thank you for asking.

- Library services are important to the county and the library staff are uniformly excellent.
- The personnel are exceptional - friendly, helpful, and professional.
- The staff is absolutely wonderful and polite. They always make sure you're welcomed when you go to the library!
- I love our library. I think it is the best public service/space Rappahannock has to offer. When my now-husband was convincing me to move to Sperryville (his hometown), I knew it could be my home too after I saw the library, sitting picturesquely atop the hill (This is a true story. I'm a sucker for a cute library). My vote would be to keep the location and exterior of the building the same. I love the proximity to the park. When I bring my kids to the library, we often head to the park afterwards (I know many other Rapp moms who do the same.). It may not be the biggest or best library I have entered, but it is certainly the most "Rappahannock." I would urge the Board not to lose the feel of Rapp in making changes or updates to the library. That being said, there are certainly areas for improvement. There are only two reasons I've used other libraries since moving here: 1) When I am looking for a specific book and Rapp doesn't have it (the books in question weren't obscure titles); 2) To attend children's programs or adult lectures (I do this at RCPL too, but other libraries in the area are able to offer more programs/events due to their size/population). I would like to see better seating/work spaces/ meeting spaces, updated/expanded collections, and perhaps updated interior aesthetics. Ultimately, my dream would be to see RCPL become the thriving community hub of Rappahannock.
- The current Library and staff are fantastic. The Library is a great source and has been a great help accomplishing task with work and college. Already a great study environment but like anything in life, there is always ways to improve.
- Staff members are friendly, attentive, and helpful.
- The library just needs to be modernized a little bit, both in terms of collections and infrastructure. More programs for kids would be great. But we love our library!
- No
- The biggest needs I see are (1) larger meeting space; (2) weekly e-newsletter letting patrons know about library programs.
- None
- The majesty of the library on the hill as you enter Rapp is an asset to the county
- No
- I have always appreciated the work of the staff. Always helpful and willing...
- I love the RCPL and think you are meeting the need for library services in the county.
- Thank you! The staff is so wonderful. We love the library.
- Many of the books in the art reference section are old and more academic in nature. Some more recently published tutorial books for a variety of mediums would be nice. I have donated some in the past but have no idea if they qualified for the collection or went to the book barn.
- It is quiet and relaxing in the library.
- Thanks for your good work! If the fact that you have sent this out means that you are back to something like normal operations, you'll be seeing more of me.
- None
- As a teacher, I'd like to be able to advise students on the Library's content availability, access to internet, comfortable and welcoming space for high school students, and so much more.

- Leave it where it is and spruce it up or add to it/ It really is lovely up on that little hill.
- Don't remove the Yellowwood trees! :) You're doing a great job with what you're given to work with (space constraints, materials and staffing budget). If I didn't work for a library system I know I'd use it more. And as there isn't much for young people to do around here, hope it is or can be a place for young people to study and learn/grow. So many retired people who led successful careers, maybe have some inter generational programming to expose each other.
- While I find the current location to be adequate for most of my needs, I would be excited to see an expanded and more modern facility as part of the Rush River Commons. A more accessible, connected, and walkable space would be great for the community.
- Critical to meet needs info children and young adults
- I've thought it's a nice library. I like the site up on the hill.
- The library is perfect just the way it is. I see no reason for any changes.
- We use the Book Barn very often and like it a lot
- Library is fine for the size of the county.
- I like our little library and would certainly use it more often than I do now, but working out of the county makes it difficult to get there during open hours. Everyone there is very friendly and helpful.
- Do not move the library!!
- The library staff is SUPER. I think there is a need for more internet access and more meeting space in the county in general. We enjoyed the kid's programming when we had a child at home. Would enjoy more adult programming now.
- Current library is very acceptable. It would be nice to have larger area for meetings. Larger selection of books for adults would also be nice although I have always gotten what I wanted by the library purchasing--or borrowing.
- It's great! Don't change a thing or spend money you don't have.
- I wish it was rather larger and was able to work more as a community center
- Do not move the library!!
- We are relatively recent (3 yrs) part-time residents of RC and have found the library to be a real treasure. We have been amazed by how timely the adult collection is updated to include recently published popular/well reviewed books. It is a delight to work with the staff; they have always been very helpful. They did a great job during the C-19 shutdown – especially with the services improvised to accommodate its readers in borrowing books. We love the Book Barn and always find something we didn't even know we wanted/needed. We have heard some of the discussion/rumors about the facility moving to a new location. Although we recognize that the library likely needs additional and new/different kinds of space = a good sign that our civilization might survive – we would oppose a move to a new location. The current building is so conveniently and beautifully located, with adequate and easy parking. We would support enlarging/enhancing the current facility with any added/expanded space to be built in a style similar to and to compliment the existing library building.

- The size and location of the library are a perfect fit for our community.
- The RCPL is a beautiful facility and an asset to our county.
- Thanks for being in Rapp!
- No
- While the library is convenient for me, I can see that it may be very isolated for many of the county residents. It requires a vehicle to access and is not near the high school so young people can't walk to it after school. I am a retired Fairfax County school librarian and easy access is critical to bring in those young patrons—the patrons of the future. It is a beautiful building but it seems to have no life, no spark, no hum of activity and, most noticeably, no young adults present when I have visited. I know nothing about the RCPL budget or whether moving the library nearer the high school is even feasible or whether adding a special young adult section to attract patrons is possible but it would be so nice to see that. And I admit that I often head to the Warrenton library after checking the RCPL because the book I am interested in is not in the collection, so perhaps I am speaking about something about which I actually don't have a lot of knowledge.
- Cafe is an excellent idea!
- More books, please.
- As with the bank, and almost with the post office recently, it was a sad day when the library pulled out of the historic town of Washington onto a highway location, leading to a decline of the town and county seat as a gathering place for residents to accomplish several daily tasks on foot. This is happening all over America sadly.
- Would love library website updated. There seem to be glitches and also there is no function now that sends users an email when books are in or when they are due.
- I THINK OUR CURRENT LIBRARY SERVES OUR COUNTY WELL
- It seems to me that they need more space for both books, etc. and for people to read or do research
- If there is to be a move to a new location, keep it in or near town! A CAFE would be a great addition.
- I love the library and appreciate the effort that makes a good resource and place to go. Internet in the parking lot is popular because the county has lousy internet for most residents, and hopefully that will improve. However using a hotspot is not using the library. If the county had other hotspots, parking jams at the library would be less. Of course the internet has changed the distribution of information and the library could make more internet content resources available that individuals cannot readily get otherwise.
- Don't move the library, it can be reconfigured internally. I love that the \$\$ for the library was raised by the community— as evidenced by the fixture to the right of the door. If I remember correctly, all those folks gave at least \$1000.
- Like to see print materials greatly expanded and less emphasis on electronic resources.
- Need more meeting space, auditorium and/or theater, coffee shop, art space , outdoor areas, to make the library more of community center.
- Wonderful staff. **REDACTED** does an amazing job. I love the library.
- Would love to see some evening hours - even once a week. It is hard to get to library when working full time - the same hours as library.

- Love to see a renovated/new library at Rush River Commons
- Please don't lose the small-town community environment and service level of the library.
- I think it a most critical institution for any community, especially this one.
- We love this library!
- I have always loved the Rappahannock County Library...and have found that they are great about helping to get materials from other libraries and ordering new material when possible...plus they are wonderful people
- The facility is adequate and the staff are outstanding. Don't spend a lot of money on a new building
- Don't move the library. Services are needed for meetings, for those who don't have computers; access to materials needed for employment, computer classes or explanations, etc.
- The location is Excellent and should not be changed. It is the most easily accessible public County facility in the county.
- **REDACTED** does a wonderful job.
- Longer time allotment at computers
- More people should take advantage of services. Staff is so friendly and accommodating. More meeting space would be good.
- While moving the library into the Akre development seems like it would make the library more accessible to walk in traffic, the future growth of the library might be more accommodative to the existing space improved by expansion.
- Do not move the Library over to that swamp and pay rent, the County owns the current building.
- It's in such a great location. Easy accessibility.
- A group for civil civic discourse would be good to have, and public service information about how to identify disinformation in the public discourse.
- None...good survey.
- So many counties offer children's programs - great for getting kids interested in reading, something that will serve them well the rest of their lives. In Arizona I worked with programs teaching parents ways to encourage their infant and toddler children to become good learners
- I'm guessing this survey is as a result of people who want to move it to suit their "new plan" for Washington VA. I personally do not wish to see it moved - I like the easy access - I personally never have an issue with parking, I like the outward appearance of the library and it is consistent with the Virginia theme of its institutions. What might be more useful and less of a traffic mess is if you built a bookmobile type adjunct office(s) in the new location like for book pickup after ordering on line, drop off /returns, computer stations and quiet places to read, small area for people to accumulate naturally and chat - make it a satellite office of the main post office where you could get a cup of coffee, chat, read papers & mags or book clubs could meet like that...
- Love to see more resources added to Overdrive or other online source. Staff is amazing!
- The book/cd selections need to be expanded.
- I read that someone wants to move it....why?
- The library is filling a need that should be filled by other buildings with it's meeting rooms. The COUNTY needs meeting rooms more than the library does. The location is beautiful, the building is beautiful and the book barn is great!

- A mobile library would be helpful in the summer to keep children reading.
- Na
- It is challenging for working parents to make use of the library because there are no weekend hours.
- Maintain the outside of the building. Perfect location. Few times I have been there no one else in there, had to search for someone so I could pay for copies.
- Expand the Book Barn hours
- Although I have not been a big user of the library, I feel a library is very important to our community. depending on what kind of programs you would offer I could be interested
- RCPL is a great library. Longer Saturday hours would be wonderful.
- Survey too long
- Beautiful site and building with great access.
- I think you're doing a good job. I was glad when the library reopened regularly after COVID restrictions.
- Thank you for all you do!
- Please let us check out materials online. Thank you!
- Maybe link regular library more closely w/book barn and brain storm ideas for marketing used books more actively?
- No
- Please just don't relocate it !!!
- Current location is convenient, but library needs significant updates in the physical plant, computers, work-space etc.
- I think we have to strike the balance between the things people traditionally associate with a library and providing modern facilities that allow those who might not otherwise have a access a place to use the internet, print, and make copies in a open an comfortable work area.
- It would be wonderful to have the library located at Rush River Commons and also develop some kind of a maker space that could be used by the whole community-to have it off by itself, removed from other resources is unfortunate.
- No
- I like the library where it is, but I do understand that some people have a difficult time getting there. If it was relocated, it should only be done if there is a major problem with the building or to make it more accessible for others who need it to be. we have always been very happy with library programs, services and inventory as they are.
- Check out your "competition" in the local libraries and library systems. I know a lot comes down to funding, but with volunteers, at least many programs can be cheap or free.
- The present facility is woefully inadequate on every count. Further, it has none of the opportunities for children and adults to work on media. The meeting facilities are below standard. We need a quiet area for senior citizens with seating appropriate to their needs. The same applies to facilities for children. Modern libraries have rooms set aside for makework projects, eg 3D printers and laser facilities. The present entrance is not welcoming. You didn't ask anything about space for staff. The current arrangement is scandalous. Surely there are more comfortable chairs available for people to sit in at meetings.

- I didn't select a preferred library hours because that depends on the day of the week. We are currently quite disappointed that the library isn't open at least one weekend day, as that severely limits our ability to come browse the collection and/or bring our toddler in to explore the children's area. If library continues to stay closed on the weekend, we would use the library from 3pm-6pm. If it's open on the weekend I think we would likely use it 10am-12pm or 3pm-6pm. I am very curious about whether RPCL could join an interlibrary loan program in which we wouldn't have to pay \$2/book. I would happily try to help arrange that if there is any possibility, as I know small rural libraries can't maintain large permanent collections.
- RCPL should be within walking distance of at least one population center. (Sperryville, Flint Hill, Washington).
- Not really. I love the library as it is.
- Do not, repeat, do not move the physical facility from its picturesque building and location!
- Nothing to add
- Have lived in the County for eight years, and have found the RCPL a real asset to the community. While the collection could be larger, the staff have been consistently well-informed and very helpful.
- Once again, I am perfectly happy with our Rappahannock Library and its location! Our family used it so often when our kids were growing up in the county, attending the Children's Story Time and the Summer Reading Program, researching when they got older, etc. Now that our children our grown and out of college, I still find it a great place, offering all I need from a library.
- Larger collection and more materials available in print instead of electronically
- Don't move the library; keep up the good work!
- If we could partner with other libraries in the area and have items transferred free of charge to RCPL so we could expand our access to reading materials and DVDs that would be an ideal situation for me. Thank you library staff!!! longer hours possibly??? at least on one or two days...
- **REDACTED** and **REDACTED** are welcoming and helpful! **REDACTED** seems to be a great addition. She has been very kind and interested in getting to know us. We love our library! We miss storytime and crafts greatly!
- We adore the library and try to use it as much as possible as a resource.
- It just seems shabby - computers have no privacy - bathrooms are awful and a terrible way to enter the library
- All staff at Library are very helpful generally, **REDACTED** was quite rude to my family and me. I did not appreciate her attitude towards us. This is my primary concern with this facility. Otherwise, I am very satisfied with my experience here. I think the Library serves the county well, some improvements, as noted in the rest of my survey, may be made.
- I like the location, building and don't want to spend county money changing anything.

General Library

A. General Overview

- a. What is special or unique about the community this library will serve? We are a small, rural, agricultural community with many active nonprofit and arts organizations. Many members of the community and numerous organizations focus on preserving the natural beauty of the Piedmont and our sightline of the mountains.
- b. Who are the people that will use this library? Families with preschool to early elementary school age children and senior citizens are currently our most popular library users. We hope to attract more tweens, teens, and adults.
- c. Is this library part of any other library system? What is its relationship to other libraries? No, we are not part of any other library system. We have reciprocal borrowing agreements with neighboring counties that allows our patrons to borrow from neighboring county libraries and their patrons to borrow from us.
- d. What special programs, events, and services will be offered at the Library? Overview of special programs and services (detailed descriptions of basic programs are requested in later sections of the questionnaire).
- e. Are there any special features or spaces you would like to see integrated into the library? Natural lighting that allows patrons to enjoy views of the natural landscape. Outdoor areas-garden/patio/amphitheater
- f. What are the general needs for meeting space, gatherings areas, study and collaboration space? (Specific details for are requested later in this questionnaire). A higher capacity meeting room with current a/v technology and a kitchenette is much needed. Smaller study rooms/areas with privacy would also be beneficial. Plentiful light, electrical outlets, and storage space are important.
- g. What is the approach or expectation for content creation areas, i.e. Maker Space, STEAM Lab, Media Studio, etc. We would like to offer content creation areas. One designated multi-purpose area with flexible furniture and equipment is ideal. Proper storage space is also important.

- h. What role does technology play? Computers, interactive multi-media, audio-visual, portable devices, staff technology? Current technology and keeping up with technology trends is vital. Library computers, areas for patrons to use/charge their own devices, and av equipment are necessary for everyday patrons and special programming. Reliable, fast internet is not available in much of the county, so we need to provide all tools to support patrons and help bridge the digital divide.
- i. Overview of library collections. (complete the provided collections summary spread sheet in a separate document, and describe any special features of the collection in this section)

Youth Services Staff

- A. Review size of collections
 - a. What type of shelving and display are required? See Collections Sheet
 - b. Where is the media collection shelved? In department, and we would like to differentiate the media collection from the print collection with lower or display oriented shelving (more visible)
 - c. What are the desired heights of shelving/bins? See Collections Sheet
- B. What programs are offered? How many children?
 - a. Story time, summer reading, etc? Story Time attendance varies greatly 2-30 children, depending on season, weather, etc. Summer Reading Programs usually have closer to 100 children participating, and some events listed in (c) attract crowds of 50+
 - b. Craft activities? Painting, Sand art, Holiday crafting, etc are popular with various age groups. Larger crowds for these events are around 30 participants
 - c. Puppet shows? Puppet shows, Music Programs, Magicians, Science Programs, Interactive Animal Visits, Author Visits, Holiday Story Times, etc all tend to have larger audiences. We have maxed out our meeting room space (50-75 persons) at such events.
- C. Children's activities occur in the children's space, or in a separate room or both? Both. A separate room for children's activities and plentiful storage would be beneficial.

- D. Do you need a separate Children's program room? We currently use our Meeting Room. We could continue this, but it would be beneficial to staff and the public if we had a separate area (we often cannot accommodate group requests of the Meeting Room because of Children's Programming)
- a. Capacity? If we have a higher capacity meeting room for large events, we could use a Children's Program Room for smaller, regular events that attract 20-50 persons
 - b. Technology? A/V presentation equipment and bluetooth speakers, possibility of interactive screen
 - c. Craft area, sink? A sink and flexible kid size furniture for crafting...
 - d. Storage? Yes, large closets
 - e. Shared? YES, if not in use for Children's Programs, it's likely to serve as meeting/study space
- E. Do you want an area for interactive furniture, active learning, or play out on the library floor? Yes, a small area for active learning/play in the children's area (adequately separated from YA and Adult areas of work/study)
- F. What are the seating goals?
- a. Four person tables, high, low? 1 Average height table, 4 chairs and 1 child size low table with chairs
 - b. Two person tables, high, low? -
 - c. Parent and child benches? -
 - d. Lounge seating? Comfortable seating for family reading (2-4 seats or bench)
 - e. Pods, or small seats for children? Small seats for 4-6 children
 - f. Specialty seating areas such as window seats?
- G. What are the technology needs?
- a. Computers?-
 - b. Early literacy computers? 2-4, if possible (Currently 0)
 - c. Printers -
 - d. OPAC's? One OPAC
 - e. Interactive displays? -
 - f. Smartboards?-

- H. Is there a need for a separate children's staff desk? It depends on how large/far away the area is from the circulation or work area(s).
 - a. How many staff? 1
 - b. Check out? -
 - c. Self-check?-
 - d. Storage? Closet space is very important-if there is not a separate children's programming room, a large supply closet in this area is requested

- I. Is there a separate children's staff work room or office adjacent to the children's department?
No

- J. Do you want a separate family bathroom in the children's area? Not necessary

- K. Do you need stroller parking area, how many? No

- L. Are there any specialty items?
 - a. Toy storage? Puzzle and kit storage display/bins
 - b. Display features? Flexible, multi-height
 - c. End panel design?
 - d. Specialty equipment

- M. Other requirements?

Young Adults

- A. What programs are offered? How many teens? Game, movie nights, advisory meetings of up to 12 currently

- B. Is there a need for a separate maker space or media lab? Yes, a flexible use room near a clearly defined YA section may appeal

- C. What are the technology needs?
 - a. Computers? 1 in lab
 - b. Printers? 3D in lab
 - c. Game consoles? possible
 - d. OPAC's? 1
 - e. Interactive displays? -
 - f. Smartboards? -

- D. What are the seating needs?
 - a. Four person tables? 1
 - b. Two person tables?
 - c. Gaming area with gaming chairs? Possible
 - d. Lounge seating? Yes, comfortable seating for 4-6
 - e. Specialty seating areas such as window seats?

- E. What are the goals for adjacency and observation? Clearly defined area for YA, not within Children's Area, and clear sightlines

- F. What are the requirements for study rooms and tutoring rooms? Available in the library, but not necessarily in YA area

- G. What are the storage requirements? Closet space for supplies and equipment (designated or shared)

- H. Are there any specialty items?
 - a. Game storage? -
 - b. Display features? -
 - c. End panel design? -
 - d. Specialty equipment -

- I. Other requirements? Designated space and flexible furniture

Adult Services Staff Meeting

- A. Review size of collections
 - a. What type of shelving and display are required? See Collections Sheet
 - b. How is the media collection shelved? Currently in tall shelves and racks-lower shelving may help distinguish types- racks also work well
 - c. What are the desired heights of shelving/bins? Tall shelves for Print, mid for Large Print, Lower for Reference and media, large display for new items (flexible)

Periodicals

- A. What is the preference for displaying periodicals? Tilt and store shelving or tall shelving with clear bins
- B. How are back issues stored? Under current issues at the moment with tilt and store shelving. With decreasing subscriptions, clear bins are also appropriate/flexible
- C. What are the seating needs?
 - a. Four person tables? 1
 - b. Two person tables?
 - c. Lounge seating? Accommodate 2-4 persons throughout area
 - d. Specialty seating areas such as window seats?
- D. What are the desires for adjacency and observation? Close to adult section, in sight of children's area, near entrance (clearly visible)

Non-Print

- A. What types of non-print collection do you hold and how are the shelved/displayed? Audiobooks (cd), DVD's, music CD's and musical instruments are on tall shelves and racks
- B. Are there any special security devices/cases? No
- C. Is there a need for a listening station? No
- D. Are there any seating requirements? No
- E. Any other special requirements? No

Adult

- A. What are the seating needs?
 - a. Four person tables? 2
 - b. Two person tables? 2

- c. Lounge seating? Accommodate 6-10 (various sizes) throughout section
 - d. Specialty seating areas such as window seats?
- B. What are the technology needs and quantity?
- a. Computers? 6-8
 - b. Copiers? 1
 - c. Payment machines? Not necessary with size/pop
 - d. Fax machine?1
 - e. OPAC's? 2
 - f. Interactive displays? -
 - g. Smartboards? -
- C. Is there a reference collection, and if so how is it handled? Yes, open reference section of items that cannot circulate, and a locked cabinet with old/rare books available upon request
- D. What are the desires for adjacency and observation? Reference area visible from a staff desk, within or beside general adult section, near computer work stations, copier
- E. Are there special acoustical concerns? -
- F. What are the requirements for study rooms, small meeting rooms, tutoring rooms? Flexible space and furniture to accommodate 1-10 persons (2 rooms with division to connect for larger capacity?)
- G. What are the storage requirements? Locked display cabinet for old/rare books, no closet space necessary for adult section
- H. Are there any specialty items?
- a. Display features? High capacity display for new items and smaller flexible space for thematic displays
 - b. End panel design? On some units these could accommodate displays
 - c. Specialty equipment?-
- I. Other requirements?-

Specialty Collections

- A. Are there any special collections? Yes, Virginia Section, County Section, Local Authors Section, (special area of importance) Conservation Section, Farm Food and Environment Section, and Caregivers Section. These can be located near reference or in our nonfiction section (titles counted in nonfiction inventory)
 - a. Local History?
 - b. Genealogy?
 - c. Literacy?
 - d. Training?

Meeting Rooms

- A. What activities will occur in the meeting room? Author Events, Nonprofit meetings and events, large library events for children and seniors (presentations and educational events), Senior citizens and nonprofit organization potlucks, Board meetings
- B. How many people should it serve? 100
- C. What are the seating/furniture requirements? Flexible/stacking tables and chairs, podium
- D. What are the adjacency requirements? Restrooms and entry way for after hours use (restroom access, but separate from library, kitchenette
- E. Will it be used after hours? Yes
- F. What are the technology requirements? AV presentation equipment, acoustics
- G. Storage requirements? Adequate closet space for furniture and equipment
- H. Display requirements? -

Staff Areas

- A. Circulation Desk
 - a. How many staff? 1-3
 - b. How many check out stations? 1 currently, 2 desired
 - c. How many self-check? 1
 - d. Book carts? 1 currently, 3 desired
 - e. Storage? Desk storage for basic supplies
 - f. Printers? 1
 - g. Cash drawers? 1

- h. Book return? Designated counter space
 - i. Book security/detection? Counter space for device in future (do not currently use)
 - j. RFID “
 - k. Holds shelving – Need space to accommodate books for patrons and larger materials such as instruments (can use lower open shelving) 8-10 feet of 48 inch tall shelving units would be appropriate
- B. Other staff information desks? Currently, none. Reference/Adult services desk may be appropriate with larger building
- C. How many staff? What are their names and positions? Currently, three:
Denise Kruczynski, Library Aide
Sharon Buchanan, Youth Services Librarian
Amanda Weakley, Director
We also have one volunteer and plan to have more in the future (for circulation, processing, and/or reference transactions)
- D. How many private offices? Sizes? Currently, none. Desire a private office for the Director
- E. How many open workstations? Currently- one work room with three stations. Desire more space, more work stations
- F. Circulation work room? See above
- G. Will there be a separate staff conference room? No
- a. How many people?
 - b. What are the technology needs?
- H. Will there be a separate staff break room? Desired
-Adjacent staff only restroom
- a. How many people? Up to 6-8 for staff and volunteers
 - b. What appliances? Refrigerator, Microwave, Coffee maker, Sink
 - c. Lockers? No
 - d. Mailboxes? No
 - e. What are the technology needs? -
- I. Computer server room

- a. How many racks? 1
- b. Desired adjacency? Staff work area or in basement (current location)
- c. Security requirements? Locked door
- d. Cooling requirements? Cool, dry area
- e. Backup power requirements? Surge and Battery backups

J. Staff copy area

- a. What are the equipment requirements? Staff and Patrons share, can continue
- b. What are the requirements for a work counter/table? Adequate clear counter workspace for covering books(4x4 or so) is desired in staff workroom
- c. What are the storage requirements? A supply closet in/adjacent to workroom is desired

K. Friends of the Library space

- a. Desks or workstations? -
- b. Work counter and/or table? -
- c. Storage Space? -
- d. Retail display? -

FOL space may be required in a new building, a small room for book sales and donation collection would be appropriate. Our current building has FOL space on the property (Book Barn)

L. Library to Your Door N/A

- a. Desks or workstations?
- b. Work counter and/or table?
- c. Storage Space?

Entry

A. Vestibule- Open, benches,

B. Lobby area

- a. Display space? Community Bulletin board area and displays for local organizations, services and events -low shelving and flyer holders
- b. Vending area? Water fountain
- c. Donor recognition? Yes, an open wall for plaques
- d. Public art? Yes, strips along wall for displays of painting and photographs
- e. Coat room? No, possible coat rack
- f. Adjacency requirements? Meeting room and Restrooms

- C. Popular books display? After entry
- D. Do you want an after-hours materials pickup system (lockers or vending)? Maybe

Outdoor Space

- A. Is a separate outdoor activity space needed? An amphitheater is desired
- B. What activities will occur in this space? Children's story times and presentations, animal visits, lectures, plays or presentations
- C. What are the adjacency requirements? Easy walking proximity to/from children's space

Also garden(s) and patio space with seating for reading, working, socializing...

Rappahannock County BOS Telephone Interview Notes

Debbie Donehey – June 15, 2021, 11:00 AM

1. Mainly uses library for meeting space.
2. Library needs better lighting, open air feeling, and a more welcoming entry/atmosphere.
3. Add more technology for young and old.
4. Size of meeting space should be coordinated with other venues and potential new development to make sure it is not redundant.
5. Book sales or a bookstore in the library would be beneficial to the community.
6. Tutoring space, study space, and a learning environment is important in the library.
7. Library should be a resource for E-books and digital meetings.
8. A STEAM Lab or Innovation Center should be considered as part of the library.
9. The library could host movie nights and safe evening activities for teens and residents.
10. Outdoor program space such as an amphitheater, garden, or walking trails would be beneficial at the library. Create education opportunities inside and outside of the library.
11. Make it low maintenance and easy to maintain.
12. Capture views of the scenic landscape.
13. A business center or copy center could be beneficial to local businesses. Provide printers, copiers, supplies, and business services.
14. Provide enough public computers and allow for reservations of public computers.
15. Provide capability of streaming live events or webinars from the library.

Christine Smith – June 21, 2021, 9:30 AM

1. Current services in the library are sufficient to serve the community.
2. Residents would like to have the library open on Sunday.
3. Technology could be more prevalent in the library.
4. Teens are adequately served by the schools.
5. STEAM or Innovation programs have not been mentioned by her constituents.
6. Library should stay where it is and spend available funds on maintenance and repairs.
7. Other major changes are not needed.

Keir Whitson – responded that he provided comments during public meetings and did not feel a separate call was needed.

Ron Frazier- No response

Chris Parrish – No response

Interactive Questions – Stakeholders Responses

At the end of a brief presentation about the trends and opportunities in modern library design, stakeholders and community groups were asked a series of questions and the responses were documented.

Schools/Partners- June 2, 2:00 PM

1. How does the library currently serve school groups and educators?
 - a. Public Schools
 - i. Well served now through summer reading programs and resource for research projects
 - b. Private Schools
 - i. Currently have a less formal relationship with the library
 - ii. Attend lectures
 - iii. Use meeting room
 - iv. Some families attend children story time & other programs
2. How could the library improve its partnerships with school groups and educators?
 - a. Library could host quarterly meetings for local educators and library staff to come together and exchange ideas and develop programs that supplement learning that is happening in the classrooms
 - b. Offer more kid focused programs year-round, not just in the summer
3. What programs and services would you like to see in the library?
 - a. Public Schools
 - i. Improve technology resources
 - ii. Offer more STEAM program activities
 - iii. Develop and coordinate an early reading program “RappTomorrow – ReadToday” to get kids involved early – before kindergarten
 - iv. Fun interactive program for kids, similar to the Front Royal Fairy Tale program where kids can dress up and participate in activities relating to a book they are reading
 - v. Offer a lecture series geared to older kids in middle and high school
 - b. Private Schools
 - i. Would like to see an updated facility that serves as a community hub
 - ii. Creative use of furniture to display collections in an intriguing way to children, like the book bins seen in the presentation

4. What is the need for large group meeting space?
 - a. The largest meetings can be accommodated in the County school buildings
 - b. A meeting room for 25-30 people would accommodate class fieldtrips to library
 - c. Do not see a need for a meeting space for a group larger than 40

5. What is the need for small group meeting space?
 - a. Would like to see a variety of smaller meeting rooms serving groups of 2, 4, and 6 with ability to reserve the rooms for group study or group projects
 - b. Individual quiet areas to work independently on a personal or school issued laptop
 - c. A “coffee shop” type space within the library is attractive and would encourage teens to use the library more
 - d. A dedicated teen space they identify with and can call their own
 - e. Meeting rooms could provide a home base for a variety of clubs and organizations

6. What is the need for technology and media resources in the library?
 - a. Kids are now 1 to 1 with school issued laptop or Chromebook since Covid – many students rely on the internet hotspot, printers, and scanners at the library
 - b. A maker space / STEAM / 3D printer would be a great resource for kids to access technology not offered at home or school
 - c. Meeting rooms should have A/V technology to allow students to share ideas and collaborate on group projects
 - d. Extended library hours would allow students to access the library resources after other extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, music)

7. What special features of facilities would you like to have in the library?
 - a. A theatre / film space for movie night with capacity for 25 students. Large screen, special audio, etc. This could be combined with a meeting room equipped with blackout shades, enhanced audio system, acoustical separation from other spaces within the library
 - b. A dedicated quiet room / area would be nice if the overall atmosphere of the library is trending towards and open community social type space

8. Are there any other improvements you would like to see in the library?
 - a. Would like any new building or additions to have a design that fits with the character of Rappahannock County – not so modern that it feels foreign
 - b. Incorporate furniture from local woodworkers
 - c. Identify unique features or ideas that the community identifies with an incorporate those features into the design of the library

Teens – June 2, 4:00 PM

1. How do you currently use the library?
 - a. Check out books to read at home
 - b. Internet access
 - c. Girl Scout meetings

2. What activities or programs would encourage teens to come to the library?
 - a. Laptops available for check-out, less desktops at dedicated stations
 - b. Lots of outlets/charging stations
 - c. Movie nights
 - d. Game nights – tables to accommodate up to 12 people
 - e. Group study rooms
 - f. Multi-media production room
 - g. TV and video games
 - d. A dedicated teen space they identify with and can call their own

3. What are teens interests in books, graphic novels, magazines, movies, or media from the library?
 - a. Manga & other graphic novels
 - b. Sci-Fi Novels
 - c. Video games
 - d. Movie night
 - e. Social gathering events

4. How would you describe the character of an appealing teen area, i.e. furniture, features, design?
 - a. Natural light – vibrant colors
 - b. Modular furniture with multiple configurations
 - c. Large & comfortable furniture
 - d. Couch or booth format for study groups
 - e. Convenient glass/white boards to help define space and write on for collaboration sessions

5. What do teens need for study areas, small meeting rooms, collaboration space?
 - a. Groups of 6
 - b. White boards, glass walls for writing on
 - c. Digital Displays
 - d. Printers and scanners, including larger format

- e. Small group rooms 2-4 people
6. Would you use a STEAM Lab or Innovation Center as a flexible use program room?
- a. Yes, flex space, place to create
 - b. A place for community groups and clubs to host events or meetings
7. What technology or media resources would you like to have in the library?
- a. Book checkout locker for after-hours pickup
 - b. Laptop vending machine
 - c. High speed internet access
8. Are there any other improvements you would like to see in the library?
- a. Dedicated teen space
 - b. Fun interactive children area
 - c. Reading nooks
 - d. Interactive furniture
 - e. Fairy tale architectural features, such as a bean stalk in the space, etc.
 - f. Covered porch space with power and data connectivity
 - g. Exterior program amphitheater space

Community Input Meeting – June 2, 7:00 PM

1. What programs and services do you currently use in the library?
- a. Inter-library loan program
 - b. Book check-out
 - c. Activities for grandchildren
 - d. Attend meetings and lecture series
 - e. Internet access
 - f. Download digital books to e-reader devices
 - g. Research
 - h. Browsing, exploring, “grazing” the collections
 - i. Read a variety of newspapers
 - j. Books on tape
 - k. Book club meetings
 - l. A place to read and relax with a good book
 - m. Internet hotspot in parking lot
2. What programs and services would you like to see in the library?
- a. Coffee / café

- b. Community / Cultural Center
 - c. Local arts exhibition space
 - d. Location – careful consideration to IN TOWN vs. IN COUNTY
 - e. More seating and table space
 - f. Comfortable quiet seating area
 - g. Natural light
 - h. Adequate space for staff
 - i. Access to staff for help
 - j. Dedicated teen space
 - k. Extended library hours
 - l. Study corrals indoor and outdoor with power and data connectivity
 - m. Genealogical research resources – any partnership opportunities with other organizations?
3. What is the need for large and small group meeting space?
- a. Large meetings space for 80 – 100 people
 - b. Modern A/V technology – improved audio and acoustics
 - c. Stackable or foldable table and chairs for multiple configurations in the meeting room, and adequate storage space to put it all away
 - d. Flexible space.
 - e. Medium sized room @ 20-25 people
 - f. Multiple small meeting rooms @ 6-8 people
 - g. Multiple micro meeting rooms @ 1-2 people
 - h. A/V and connectivity in all meeting rooms
4. What types of technology and media resources should be in the library?
- a. Access with extended hours
 - b. Laptop / iPad checkout
 - c. Multi-media technology
5. What special features of facilities would you like to have in the library?
- a. Fully H.C. accessible building
 - b. Use acoustic operable partitions to allow larger spaces to be reconfigured
 - c. Commercial kitchen
 - d. Movie nights
 - e. Outdoor program space or amphitheater
 - f. Adequate parking
6. What would you like to see in the appearance and character of the library?
- a. Opportunity to inspire and invite people into enjoy the space

- b. Colonial design is just a fake copy of the past – does not make sense
- c. New design that is respectful of the area with a fresh look, more modern
- d. Warm materials less metal and not so flashy
- e. Environmentally friendly
- f. Solar power
- g. Consider appropriate scale – building should not be an imposing structure
- h. Contemporary design
- i. Consider how the building sits on the landscape as well as the views from inside the building out to the landscape
- j. The renovation and addition to the Stonewall Abbey in Sperryville was referenced as a nice example of an addition and renovation to a historic building in the area

7. Are there any other improvements you would like to see in the library?

- a. Reading garden
- b. Aquarium
- c. Herbal garden

Non-profit Groups – June 3rd, 10:00 AM

1. How does your group currently interact with programs and services offered by the library?

- a. Internet access
- b. Zoom meetings
- c. Meeting rooms, board meetings
- d. Some groups do not use the library now
- e. Library talks and large group events

2. What programs and services would you like to see in the library?

- a. Larger meeting space
- b. Special exhibition space for local artists
- c. Library could host quarterly meetings for local non-profits and library staff to come together and exchange ideas and develop programs and services to better serve the non-profit community
- d. Transportation and access to the library is difficult for many residents
- e. Adult classes
- f. Workforce development programs
- g. Serve as a Community / Cultural Center

3. What is needed to better serve children, teens, or adults?

4. What is your need for large group meeting space?
 - a. Library talks with a capacity of 80 people w/ additional overflow capacity
 - b. The larger ~200-person meeting spaces are available elsewhere in the County
 - c. Prep kitchen to serve pre-prepared food and drink

5. What is your need for small group meeting space?
 - a. A variety of meeting space sizes

6. What is the need for technology and media resources in the library?
 - a. High speed internet
 - b. 3D printer / maker space

7. What special features of facilities would you like to have in the library?
 - a. Comfortable furniture
 - b. Natural Light
 - c. Outdoor program or amphitheater space
 - d. Nice landscaping

8. Are there any other improvements you would like to see in the library?
 - a. Inspiring architectural design

Government Groups – June 3rd, 11:30 AM

1. What are the most important services the library offers to the Community?
 - a. Internet access
 - b. Book check-out

2. What services could the library offer to improve the lives of residents in Rappahannock County?
 - a. Would like to see the library operate as a community hub rather than just a house of books. A social place
 - b. Programs to align with the goals of social services, help transition people to self-sufficiency
 - c. Foster parent training space and meeting space for support groups
 - d. Meeting space for workforce training events

3. What is the need for large group meeting space?
 - a. Larger meeting room space for community groups and public gatherings

4. What is the need for small group meeting space?
 - a. Small group space for private meetings and training or tutoring
5. What is the need for technology and media resources in the library?
 - a. A/V in meeting rooms
 - b. Internet access inside and outside
6. Is there a need for a STEAM Lab, Innovation Center, media studio or similar spaces?
 - a. Yes, could help with workforce development programming
7. What special features of facilities would you like to have in the library?
8. Are there any anticipated growth trends or population shifts expected in the County?
 - a. No significant population growth is expected in the foreseeable future
9. Are there any other improvements you would like to see in the library?

Seniors – June 3rd, 2:15 PM

1. What programs and services do you currently use in the library?
 - a. Book checkout
 - b. A place to work
 - c. Internet access
 - d. Access to a variety of newspapers and magazines
2. What programs and services would you like to see in the library?
 - a. Business center
 - b. Rooms to host or attend zoom meetings
 - c. Small rooms for client meetings
3. What is needed to better serve seniors in the library?
 - a. Community center to socialize – coffee / café model
 - b. Multi-media production studio for content creation
 - c. Meeting rooms for clubs and special interest groups. Script reading rooms

4. What is your need for large group meeting space?
 - a. Sized for 80 – 100 people
5. What is your need for small group meeting space?
 - a. A variety of meeting rooms for groups of 6 – 30 people
6. Describe the type of seating, furnishings, acoustics, etc. that would appeal to seniors.
 - a. Comfortable seats, easy to get in/out of
 - b. Good lighting
 - c. A space with pleasant acoustics
7. What is the need for technology and media resources in the library?
 - a. Internet streaming of lectures and talks from the library to people in their homes
8. What special features of facilities would you like to have in the library?
 - a. Local history archives and research resources
 - b. Local artist display area
9. Are there any other improvements you would like to see in the library?
 - a. Parking
 - b. ADA access
 - c. Host lectures, debates, “point, counterpoint program”

Children – June 3, 3:30 PM

1. How do you currently use the library?
 - a. Quiet time
 - b. Book checkout
 - c. Children’s programs
2. What activities or programs would encourage young children and parents to come to the library?
 - a. Childcare groups would like organized field trip days when they can bring a group of kids to the library for special events

- b. Library could host quarterly meetings for parents, child care organizations, and library staff to come together and exchange ideas and develop programs to better serve specific age groups
 - c. A program where kids can act out or recreate the events they recently read about
 - d. Story time with an associated hands-on activity immediately after
 - e. Special events – musicians or other local artist demonstrations
 - f. View the library as a place for recreation rather than just checking out books
3. What spaces or features should the library have to better serve children and parents/caregivers?
 - a. A kids space that would not be a disruption to the remainder of the library when a group shows up
 - b. Kid proof space for arts & crafts activities
 - c. Study booths
 - d. Group reading area where kids can focus on the story without being distracted by other events in the library or outside the windows
4. How would you describe the character of an appealing children's area, i.e. furniture, features, design?
 - a. Interactive modular furniture – provide learning opportunities
5. What do children and parents/caregivers need for interactive play and activity space?
 - a. Family restroom w/ changing table
 - b. Dedicated kids program space
6. Would you use a STEAM Lab or Innovation Center as a flexible use program room?
 - a. Yes, would like to see basic programming classes and other STEAM hands-on activities
7. What technology or media resources would you like to have in the library?
 - a. Large format printing
 - b. Multi-media recording and processing room and equipment
8. Are there any other improvements you would like to see in the library?
 - a. Meeting social place for families with young children
 - b. Outdoor program or amphitheater space
 - c. Display space for children's art
 - d. Field trip to sign up for your library card
 - e. Educational classes for parents on parenting topics

Interactive Exercises

Spend your Money!

Each participant is given \$3,000 in \$100 bills. They are asked to spend their money in the following categories and distribute the money in amounts according to importance to them. Money will be deposited into jars on tables with the following categories:

1. Children's area and collections
2. Teen area and collections
3. Adult area and collections
4. Community meeting room
5. Small group meeting rooms/study rooms
6. Quiet reading room
7. Flexible activity room, STEAM lab, Innovation Center
8. Computers, technology, multi-media
9. Outdoor program space

Idea Preferences

The results of the questions on the first page will be within on large tablet paper and taped to the walls. Participants will be asked to place a green sticker next to ideas they like and red stickers next to ideas they do not like.