

Library Community Forum 9/25/18

Each attendee was asked to prioritize 4 ideas, then choose 4 more that were important but not their highest priority. Priority votes were worth 1 point each, secondary votes were worth .5 The numbers in front of each idea represent those points.

Follow-up items:

- research other libraries - size, budget resources. What do they do (that we don't) that contributes to their success?
- Look into better parking options
- Consider 2-week circulation period (instead of current 4 week)

Resources:

- _ (6) Increase library budget
- _ (3.5) Automate library systems
- _ (2) Research what other library budgets are (from similar sized towns) and increase our budget accordingly
- _ (1.5) Provide funding and encouragement for librarian to attend at least 1 conference/year
- _ (1.5) Separate domain for website (to increase visibility)
- _ (1.5) Provide public computer station for patrons
- _ (1.5) Form Friends of the Library group
- _ (1) More autobiographies/biographies
- _ (1) Keep classics (even if they aren't read)
- _ (1) Hold a book sale
- _ (1) Include diverse perspectives and more non-fiction in book collection
- _ (1) Roll any left-over funds into Capital Reserve fund each year
- _ (1) Develop policy on weeding resources from the collection
- _ (.5) Provide funding and encouragement for trustees to attend at least 1 conference/year
- _ (.5) Look at how other towns fund their library
- _ (.5) Provide databases like EBSCO, ProQuest, Ancestry
- _ (.5) Expand magazine collection
- _ (.5) Increase number of trustees

Services:

- (4.5) Afternoon hours (starting at 1:00) 1 day/week
- (2.5) Post new titles (short list) on Connect Cornish, link to website for full list
- (2.5) Adult game day
- (2.5) Hold annual community forum
- (2) Publicize trustee meetings as open to public
- (1.5) Open one evening or more until 8:00pm)
- (1.5) More places to return books (esp. On 12A side of town)
- (1.5) Develop a public database of community book collections and catalog them
- (1.5) Increase number of children's programs hold on designated days
- (1.5) Increase adult programs hold on designated days
- (1) Open house at library to showcase what we have/do
- (.5) Welcome new babies (book recognition)
- (.5) Provide a suggestion box

Facility:

- (9.5) Create accessible entrance
- (9.5) Build addition to join library and historical society buildings to include research space, restrooms, book shelves
- (5.5) Bathroom with water
- (3) Merge with School Library
- (2) Utilize existing unoccupied building as annex to expand library space
- (.5) More chairs for meetings/events
- (.5) Provide larger table with chairs (for research and other work)

Suggested but received NO votes-

Resources: Replace old copies of books with new, sell old copies if worth anything, Enlist volunteer help for fundraising efforts, Post "wish list" of magazines on Connect Cornish and request subscription donations for them, Sell Cornish postcards at library (and historical center)

Services: Increase volunteer involvement through outreach and recognition, Outreach between school/library - student library cards, visits, etc., Send invitations to new Cornish families to join library