

Public Forum
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Ranked Responses

WHAT ARE YOUR NEEDS AND WANTS FOR THE CORNISH LIBRARY?

NEEDS:

- 9.5 Place for human interaction- a gathering place to share skills
- 8 More space for programming
- 7.5 A building for the 21st century
- 6.5 Primary focus on books – building literacy
- 6 More space for books
- 6 ADA accessible
- 5.5 Adequate meeting space
- 3.5 Running water
- 3 Children’s programming
- 2.5 More computers (from 3-8)
- 1.5 Presentation area with tech
- 1.5 20 parking spaces
- 1 High speed internet
- 1 Cooling/heating
- .5 More programming for adults
- .5 Welcome space for teens
- .5 Research spot
- .5 Fireproof space for historical references
- .5 Maximize shelving
- Staff workshop
- Need for battery backup for citizens
- Funding
- Keep educating the public

WANTS:

- 3 Solar (renewable energy) battery backup
- 3 Library of things (Tool Library)
- 2.5 Building be an example of energy efficiency—use energy efficiency as a teaching tool
- 1.5 Outside gathering space with play structure
- 1.5 Cooking facilities
- 1 Welcoming space for everyone (teens, everyone)
- 1 Library signage and visibility
- .5 Child friendly bathrooms

WANTS cont'd

- .5 Space for sharing music and skills etc.
- .5 Electric vehicle charging station
- Independent website
- Place to hangout and chat
- Computer terminals to help seniors learn computer skills
- Space for senior programming
- Continuation of space for Aging in Place
- Lift for Aging in Place equipment and accessibility
- Board games for checkout
- Words on Wheels – delivery and/or pickup
- Community passes (e.g., Montshire)
- Expand Historical Society into Stowell

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE OR NEVER CHANGE ABOUT THE LIBRARY?

CHANGE:

- 5.5 Increase space
- 1.5 More books (including donations)
- 1.5 More non fiction and biographies
- 1 Better air quality
- .5 More hours
- Location for better visibility
- More databases
- Subscription to Ancestry.com

NEVER CHANGE:

- Don't light up the whole world with outside lights
- The present librarian (Keep her!)
- The toy section and borrow backpacks (increase, if possible)

WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU NEED TO MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER THE CORNISH LIBRARY REMAINS AT THE STOWELL BUILDING OR MOVES TO THE STORE BUILDING?

- 1 Very accurate estimates of each project – operating, furnishing and building costs
Expenses that may go up with increases in programming (realistic costs)
Timeline of projects
List of programming options of each building
List of projected revenue stream, expenses, cash flow
Create an endowment for people to contribute to
Concise, succinct list of costs—get to the bottom line and distribute before meetings
Maintenance costs of everything
Show tax impact of taking the property off the tax rolls