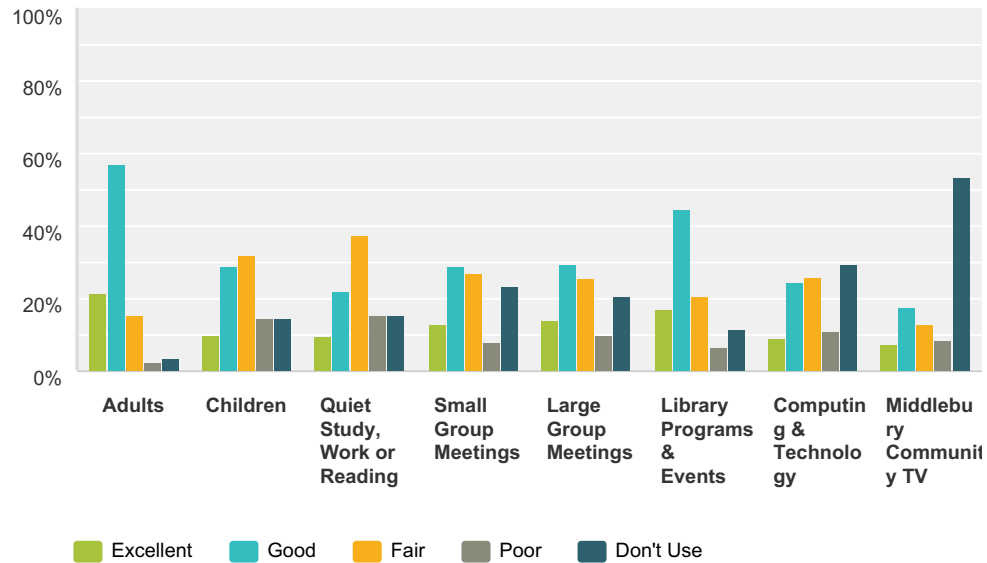


Q1 How would you rate the *amount* of space currently available for each of the following groups or purposes?

Answered: 309 Skipped: 7



	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Use	Total
Adults	21.57% 66	57.19% 175	15.36% 47	2.29% 7	3.59% 11	306
Children	10.06% 31	28.90% 89	32.14% 99	14.61% 45	14.29% 44	308
Quiet Study, Work or Reading	9.48% 29	22.22% 68	37.58% 115	15.36% 47	15.36% 47	306
Small Group Meetings	12.83% 39	28.95% 88	26.97% 82	7.89% 24	23.36% 71	304
Large Group Meetings	14.19% 43	29.37% 89	25.74% 78	10.23% 31	20.46% 62	303
Library Programs & Events	16.78% 51	44.41% 135	20.72% 63	6.58% 20	11.51% 35	304
Computing & Technology	8.91% 27	24.42% 74	26.07% 79	11.22% 34	29.37% 89	303
Middlebury Community TV	7.69% 23	17.39% 52	13.04% 39	8.36% 25	53.51% 160	299

#	Comments on the amount of space:	Date
1	Garden	10/2/2014 1:43 PM
2	Garden!	10/2/2014 1:37 PM
3	Book sale	10/2/2014 10:51 AM
4	I see many more children and teenagers use the library than adults. Maybe they are just noisier, but they seem to be filling the children's section to bursting.	9/30/2014 8:39 PM

5	Children need much more space	9/30/2014 7:26 PM
6	needs to be more separation of kids vs teen space - would be good to have a progression so kids can grow with the library space little kids - bigger kids - teens the 'big kids' and teen space are too close together	9/30/2014 12:53 PM
7	Space is obviously the biggest problem that the library needs to contend with. There is not enough room for young children, there is no suitable space for older kids or teens.	9/30/2014 12:12 PM
8	The meeting has grown too small for many library presentations. At the same time, we need a space that works for groups of, say, 20 to 30 participants.	9/29/2014 11:58 AM
9	Need more space for children and teens. Would be ideal to provide a larger buffer zone/separation between the two areas.	9/28/2014 10:11 PM
10	Because the teens tend to stay in the children's department after school, it would be ideal to separate the teens from the children. Also a larger children's department would allow for more books and other resources to be added.	9/27/2014 3:18 PM
11	Too little space for books. The number of books available has been dramatically reduced recently. Maybe I am old-fashioned, but I think libraries are for the use of books. Also, quiet study, etc.? This is one of the noisiest libraries I have ever been in. Even the staff members do not lower their voices.	9/25/2014 10:21 PM
12	The space for children is becoming extremely tight. They are very creative with the space, but it does not have room to grow.	9/25/2014 1:52 PM
13	More books would be appreciated	9/22/2014 9:13 PM
14	he Community Room is well utilized but at times the acoustics are not great. There also have been meetings where it is standing room only and it would be great to have an even larger space. The library staff is always courteous and helpful.	9/22/2014 8:54 PM
15	Seems okay but could be updated	9/22/2014 8:02 PM
16	It's really a great space!	9/22/2014 7:33 PM
17	the space seems fine for my needs, however the talking of some patrons, makes it difficult for quiet study, work and reading.	9/22/2014 7:09 PM
18	Need easier access to informatio about MCTV programs athat are available to be borrowed for home viewing... I miss a lot of events I'd like to easily tick up to tke home for viewing... OR view again in a room at Ilsley. Why isn't there a line for teens in this format. We have poor accommodations to promote their lifestyle uses of learning resources, which tends to be much more "interactive" than the adult library-use/learning styles.	9/22/2014 6:02 PM
19	I marked 'don't use' bc too busy with raising children. However in the future I hope to use this space more	9/20/2014 9:22 PM
20	Need to consider this relative to other spaces to which we have access--school libraries, college, other community rooms.	9/17/2014 1:04 PM
21	Children's library should NOT be downstairs! Teens need more room & probably computer facilities. Ilsley staff goes above and beyond, but cannot make up for renovation needs. Friends need more room & less need for trundling books from here to there.	9/16/2014 7:55 PM
22	The library actually has plenty of space, if you take out the computers. I'd rather see more books in the library's current space than more computers for gaming, Facebooking, and other online activities that really have (or *should* have) nothing to do with the mission of a good public library. If the Middlebury Select Board decides it's important to provide free computer time and online access to underserved populations, let them build a computer lab in the new town offices.	9/16/2014 9:29 AM
23	We often avoid the children's area - particularly in the summer. We get what we want and leave. If a summer program comes by, the area can be packed with kids and extremely loud.	9/12/2014 8:47 AM
24	I think that there should be more computers and more room for a quiet space for studying and doing homework.	9/11/2014 3:55 PM
25	The children's room is always crowded, both with people and books. There is not enough open space in the children's room for families to gather, read, and play.	9/11/2014 9:06 AM
26	space needs are time dependent...children's area seems crowded with the way book cases are positioned	9/10/2014 8:32 PM
27	From what I read in the local press, you definitely feel you need more space. I am very worried that you will be hemmed in by the new town office building. I support you in all your efforts as a former board member and librarian. Let me know if I can help in any way. Pat Mraz, Middlebury patmraz@myfairpoint.net 388-7571	9/10/2014 1:28 PM

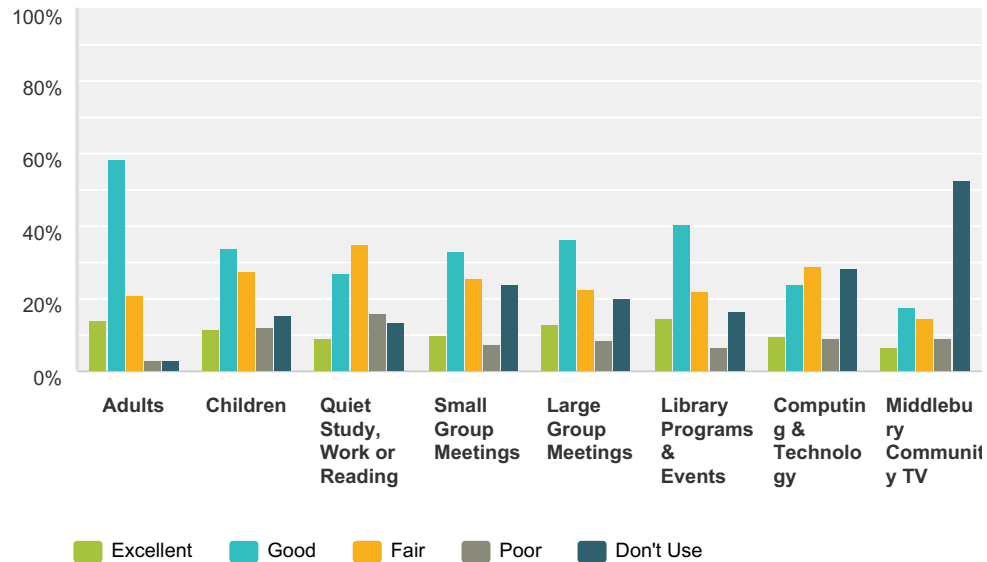
28	Am hoping the committee is not considering making the children's spaces smaller. Families get so much out of the programs and resources at the library.	9/10/2014 7:59 AM
29	Friends of Ilsley need space too.	9/9/2014 9:26 AM
30	I know it is the way life is going, but i hate having less books and more computer/meeting spaces.	9/9/2014 6:45 AM
31	There is a need for more meeting space such as the room downstairs. Meeting space is difficult to find in Middlebury. There is a need for more computer access--that is, more computers available to the public.	9/8/2014 8:13 PM
32	Seems like the spaces are really in use at different times of the day and year. The basement Children's section might as well be an after-school program! It seems that there aren't enough distinct spaces for the different age groups that comprise this population, some older YA sitting on the little chairs belonging to the kids. There should definitely be more comfortable spaces for senior citizens to sit, good lighting for them to read, a ramp for those with disabilities. Ilsley his our Town Hall, a cultural and gathering place.	9/8/2014 4:16 PM
33	I don't know how much space community TV actually has. The results are very good. The meeting space is also good for the meetings I attend, though it isn't many. I know the children's library needs much more space.	9/8/2014 4:15 PM
34	Children's space could really use some work. Especially the teen space. They have a lot of energy that after school can feel to much for the younger kids. I sometimes bring My second grader there to do homework(she feels like a big kid when we do this) often the noise and energy from the teen area is too much.	9/7/2014 7:00 AM
35	more room for older kids! and a separate space for adult computer users..	9/6/2014 3:55 PM
36	The meeting room is used a lot from what I know. Could there be another meeting room downstairs in the teen area? It would be nice to have a smaller meeting room other than the rooms off of the Vermont Room. In that area, there is too much interference from poorly behaved teens to really do anything. Perhaps a restructuring of that space should be considered.	9/4/2014 9:14 PM
37	Space needs to be reconfigured, but I think the square footage is pretty much there. Although the main computer area may seem crowded at times, more and more people use their own devices with the library's wi-fi ... so, over time the need for lots of desktop computers may abate.	9/4/2014 3:29 PM
38	I have been to plenty of library where there is an abundance of space available to sit to use a computer, read, write...this is NOT the case at all at the Ilsley! Seeking privacy is almost impossible.	9/4/2014 1:30 PM
39	I don't believe there is any need to use tax dollars to expand space or offerings at the library.	9/4/2014 12:15 PM
40	with different furniture and less space used for librarian desks in the public area of the library the space could be reconfigured to improve use, efficiency and purpose	9/4/2014 11:13 AM
41	Computing and technology -- I need wifi more than dedicated hardware. I don't know about the computer stations.	9/4/2014 10:56 AM
42	The children's room is wonderful.	9/4/2014 10:09 AM
43	Of course, we could always use more for technology and meetings.	9/4/2014 9:34 AM
44	the current space is fine we should be using our school more the space is empty too much of the time for the cost	9/4/2014 9:08 AM
45	Children's area in the dark basement? Why? The community room ias not satisfactory for viewing projected talks.	9/3/2014 8:43 PM
46	Quieter computer area for MCTV editing projects. Place away from kids on computers/game play.	9/2/2014 8:17 PM
47	Quiet study is only possible when library staff and visitors are not talking in normal voices, and when the Vermont room is not being used for meetings, which is never. The space in the Vermont room does not work because sound carries upwards. The children's library is cramped. There are too few computers and library catalog computers need to be spread throughout. The teen use of the meeting room precludes large group meetings at certain times.	9/2/2014 11:43 AM
48	The library has plenty of space, except for space for children/youth. With the future moving more to e-books, e-magazines, and streaming, the future needs for shelf space for books and DVDs should involve modest growth, at best. Better to manage the collection more efficiently and effectively: get rid of duplicates after initial circulation surge is over, get rid of outdated books (e.g., travel books more than 3 years old), watch circulation to prune books no longer being read promptly. Some reconfiguration of shelving space may be appropriate. The library doesn't need more meeting space; it needs to start charging sensible fees to private users of existing meeting space. Any meeting not open to the public and any meeting by a for-profit entity should pay an appropriate fee covering all costs associated with usage: staff to monitor, clean-up costs, etc.	9/1/2014 5:51 PM

49	Need more books.	9/1/2014 9:55 AM
50	I think the amount of space is fine. It's what you DO with it.	9/1/2014 8:27 AM
51	Display for books is cramped	9/1/2014 5:51 AM
52	Downstairs is too loud and is tight on space	8/31/2014 8:56 PM
53	It is very difficult to find a quiet area to work or read in the library.	8/31/2014 7:00 PM
54	I think we need to think of space both for the present and future. Increasingly, meetings use technology to increase participation and reach. We don't always have to limit a group's participation to the actual people gathered in a room.	8/31/2014 6:28 PM
55	Create area for computer and tech that is enclosed so as to minimize noise. Second, create quiet areas for reading, study. TOO much noise from front desk rises to second floor, thus making the area above not really usable for quiet work or reading.	8/31/2014 12:07 PM
56	the children get asked to get off the computers when they are on the main floor computers but the adults are allowed to stay on even when they have been at the library most of the day playing games on the computers.	8/30/2014 1:45 PM
57	Teens need more space! and I would like the computer area segregated from books/movies to provide privacy and peace.	8/29/2014 9:37 PM
58	Browsing and short time sit down reading spaces are good...but longer study and quiet space needs to be apart from main reading areas...many HS students could study here. Technology uses seem to be taking over..don't use so not up on effectiveness of same. Group meetings all sizes ..what there is is good but more?? and maybe create flexible space..i.e. library uses in days...convert to meetings at night? Separate areas for teaching technology, etc? i.e. out of main library rooms.	8/29/2014 8:39 PM
59	I'm an adapter: use what's available and it's good. Hard to forecast into The Ideal. There's a certain charm to our local libraries [Vergennes' is sweet; favorite is Davis Library up at Bread Loaf] and would hate to lose that.	8/29/2014 10:01 AM
60	Large group meetings can be held elsewhere. Perhaps Middlebury Community TV should be in a different location as well. We cannot afford more library space. Suggest we work with what we have.	8/29/2014 8:16 AM
61	Young adults need more and different space.	8/28/2014 9:36 PM
62	I use the library for only 2 purposes, but these are very important to me: 1. Browse and check-out books and audio books. 2. Attend lectures downstairs, which are often full, with standing room only.	8/28/2014 8:29 PM
63	Could use more.	8/28/2014 8:06 PM
64	For some events, the meeting room just isn't big enough to accommodate everyone comfortably. Not having a separate space for Young Adults (Teens) is too bad. Computing & tech has some room, yet still feels crowded. MCTV space is constrained for innovative sets and presentations.	8/28/2014 7:28 PM
65	People (like me) need more space for quiet private study, reading, and work where one can plug in their device and get Internet. Lockers would also be useful.	8/28/2014 6:11 PM
66	A lot of the library is taken up with hallways, stairs, and upper level empty space (in the bay window area). A lot of it is also devoted to tables and chairs. I think the space could be reconfigured to get a lot more use out of it.	8/28/2014 6:08 PM
67	The library has become a terribly noisy environment, particularly the children's library, and it no longer a pleasant place to be.	8/28/2014 4:00 PM
68	Very limited due to building size, not configuration or the location of seating.	8/28/2014 1:15 PM
69	Need more space for books !!! Lobby set-up is great. More room for computers, adults, kids would be welcome.	8/28/2014 10:16 AM
70	I see "teens" isn't an identified group here.	8/28/2014 9:30 AM
71	there is a need for more space for computers for the children's section, I feel this is important. I don't find it ok that children often have to use the computers in the adult section, many times the kids want to share a computer, and the adults sometimes are bothered by this. Also, just not ok for the kids either.	8/28/2014 9:13 AM
72	It's a nice big building for a town library	8/28/2014 9:10 AM
73	The Ilsley is a great library - just cramped.	8/28/2014 9:09 AM

74	Teens need their own category. Children's area needs more space (the whole floor, minus the conference room would be great), and teens need more space and more private space. I know the children's librarians cater to both groups, but everyone would win if the teens could have a separate area.	8/28/2014 9:07 AM
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Q2 How would you rate the **quality** (e.g., lighting, comfort, function, shelving, furnishings, etc.) of the space currently available for each of the following groups or purposes?

Answered: 293 Skipped: 23



	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Use	Total
Adults	14.19% 41	58.48% 169	21.11% 61	3.11% 9	3.11% 9	289
Children	11.46% 33	34.03% 98	27.43% 79	11.81% 34	15.28% 44	288
Quiet Study, Work or Reading	8.80% 25	26.76% 76	35.21% 100	15.85% 45	13.38% 38	284
Small Group Meetings	9.79% 28	33.22% 95	25.52% 73	7.34% 21	24.13% 69	286
Large Group Meetings	12.85% 37	36.46% 105	22.57% 65	8.33% 24	19.79% 57	288
Library Programs & Events	14.29% 41	40.42% 116	21.95% 63	6.62% 19	16.72% 48	287
Computing & Technology	9.47% 27	23.86% 68	29.12% 83	9.12% 26	28.42% 81	285
Middlebury Community TV	6.41% 18	17.44% 49	14.59% 41	8.90% 25	52.67% 148	281

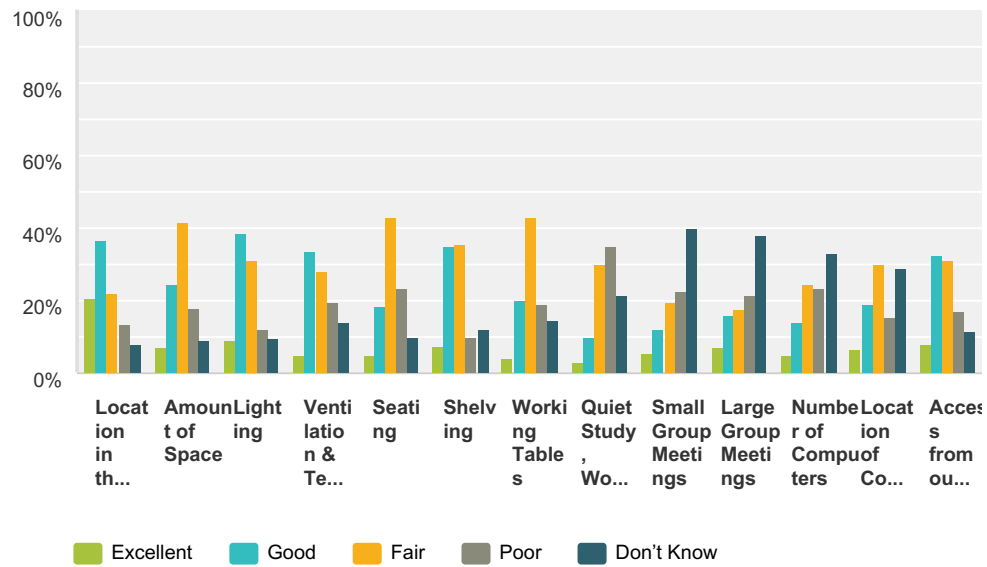
#	Comments on the quality of space:	Date
1	more 'funky' or interesting furniture in kid/teen space will attract more kids	9/30/2014 12:54 PM
2	It can be quite smelly in the children's department due to teenagers spending large amounts of time there after school as well as because of the bathrooms. Books are hard to find in the children's department due to the shelving system and book arrangement. Often books are difficult to locate.	9/27/2014 3:20 PM

3	The upholstered chairs in the large basement room are completely worn out and are consequently uncomfortable. The folding chairs are better. The room is unavailable at 3pm and beyond, thus I am rating it "poor".	9/25/2014 10:23 PM
4	Lighting is poor, odor in building of mildew/mustiness	9/24/2014 7:37 AM
5	CDs and DVDs now on first floor feel cramped in and a little confusing to navigate though I have not spent a lot of time perusing them. Need more clear labeling perhaps. Upstairs stacks are uninspiring and finding books on the bottom shelves hard on older knees.	9/23/2014 3:21 PM
6	Small group meetings in the mezzanine during library hours can be noisy	9/22/2014 9:17 PM
7	As mentioned earlier, the acoustics in the Community Room could be improved. Also lighting is very soft.	9/22/2014 9:00 PM
8	Could be improved. Don't use computing because of space and age of equipment	9/22/2014 8:04 PM
9	the space seems fine for my needs, however the talking of some patrons, makes it difficult for quiet study, work and reading.	9/22/2014 7:09 PM
10	Adequate for adults, except for the computing/technology areas.	9/22/2014 6:04 PM
11	Everyone is making the best of what is available, but lighting, heating/cooling, chair comfort, etc. are not optimum in any of the above uses.	9/16/2014 7:56 PM
12	It'd be nice to get the children out of the basement. Maybe switch the children's section with Middlebury TV?	9/16/2014 9:30 AM
13	Looking worn, not smelling very nice in there in terms of cleanliness - children's area in particular. Do not like the high tables and chairs in the older kids area.	9/12/2014 8:50 AM
14	The children's library in the basement is depressing and unhealthy. The poor air quality and lack of good light make it a place that is unpleasant to be in. I've spent lots of time down there with my 3 kids, but I've always been sad that our town thinks so little kids and the staff that serve them that they stick them underground in such a depressing space. WE REALLY NEED A NEW CHILDREN'S LIBRARY, WITH GOOD SPACE FOR TEENS AND EVENTS TOO!	9/10/2014 8:01 AM
15	Don't like where the DVDs are now located especially the new ones. too crowded.	9/9/2014 6:46 AM
16	I find the adult space very peaceful and welcoming. There is always room for improvement. The Christmas tree needs to look a little more festive. Maybe ask area schools to bring in some kid made decorations.	9/7/2014 7:06 AM
17	The shelves are very dusty, and some areas are simply dirty. And the restrooms....!	9/6/2014 3:57 PM
18	Some of the areas would be better if the occupants were quieter. Again, I am talking about the pre-teens and teens who hang out.	9/4/2014 9:16 PM
19	My preference is to provide "adequate" or "good enough" quality ... this is a public library in a small town ... although it might be nice to have the best, it is not necessary.	9/4/2014 3:30 PM
20	Seems that much of the furniture is in need of an update. I LOVE the tub in the kids library, but what about new pillows?	9/4/2014 1:32 PM
21	having a computer classroom would be a good idea but the new town office meeting room could also be used as a classroom.	9/4/2014 11:14 AM
22	The childrens'/teens' area downstairs could use a fair bit of sprucing up. The librarians try to make it appealing, but we should invest some \$\$ in minor renovations and new, comfortable furniture.	9/4/2014 9:36 AM
23	how can you expect a basement room to be cheery and bright for the young ones?	9/4/2014 8:46 AM
24	The main floor is lovely warm atmosphere Nothing has been asked about storage space for activities and book sales	9/3/2014 8:46 PM
25	Chairs in large meeting room are worn out and therefore uncomfortable. Too few shelves mean more book removal which is a bad thing for a library. Lighting is poor throughout the library, particularly after dark. The magazine room is like being in an overheated closet.	9/2/2014 11:46 AM
26	Library needs to concentrate on its lending collection.	9/1/2014 9:56 AM
27	Too many purposes trying to compete for small available space means no one is served well	9/1/2014 5:53 AM
28	The children's area and meeting room is musty and smells of sewage.	9/1/2014 4:08 AM

29	I've been to at least one standing room only event in the meeting room. Wish there were more chairs or additional ways to view the presentation. Furniture throughout the library is looking a little shabby.	8/31/2014 7:02 PM
30	It is a public library ... quality needs to include the spaces being safe, clean, and accessible. It needs to be "adequate", attractive, and practical ... i.e. not the best available lighting, shelving, furnishings, etc.	8/31/2014 6:31 PM
31	DVD section needs to be improved and not in an aisle.Would be best to create separate area for them. Lighting, etc above is good as far as my experience	8/31/2014 12:09 PM
32	I have always found a comfortable, quiet spot to sit when needed.	8/30/2014 9:27 AM
33	The library is DIRTY!! Bathrooms smell, shelves and woodwork are dusty and grimy, as are window and books... This is an embarrassment for our Library and our town. Also, fluorescent lights are not good for eyes. Also, the air conditioning is on all summer, no matter what the weather! And shouldn't there be insulating shades on All the windows?	8/29/2014 9:45 PM
34	Open unused space abounds for adults..needs better seating, tables, more shelves for browsing..maybe step ups to make divisions in uses or ceiling changes?Children's rooms well organized but small for numbers using them. Include window seats...etc. that invite kids to use..like bathtub you have now! Both areas need small group spaces adjacent for programs/fitted out with equip. for videos, etc.One of 'extra' rooms might be outfitted with sink or?? for special programs? Display area for art shows, and other displays for both ages.	8/29/2014 8:47 PM
35	Room above the circulation desk is NOT conducive to quiet reading, etc though it's outfitted as such. Seems to be little oversight on those who use cellphones or computers dedicated to research only.	8/29/2014 10:04 AM
36	See my response to question #1	8/29/2014 8:16 AM
37	The study rooms are crowded and difficult to move around in. Many of the spaces are worn and tired. It is time for a make-over.	8/28/2014 9:38 PM
38	Adequate for my purposes (listed above).	8/28/2014 8:31 PM
39	I think MCTV does a great job with the space it has, but being up in the attic limits comfort, etc.	8/28/2014 8:08 PM
40	meeting room gets crowded and hot; quiet study? not the way the library is designed!	8/28/2014 7:29 PM
41	The Vermont Room upstairs seems very lightly used. It's kind of public for small meetings. So I would think maybe you could use a meeting room in the new town hall and devote more of this space to books.	8/28/2014 6:10 PM
42	During my many years of library use, very little change has occurred. Some redecorating....moving of furniture and freshening up would be nice, creating a change without expense.	8/28/2014 1:18 PM
43	Things are getting crowded everywhere! Downstairs meeting room is functional but poor lighting and acoustics. More attractive area for computing would be great.	8/28/2014 10:17 AM
44	Again, no teens?	8/28/2014 9:31 AM
45	Need for more quiet spaces for adults and children, more comfy couches and chairs for both would be nice	8/28/2014 9:14 AM
46	Everything in kids area is great, the kid just need more room to enjoy it. It's kind of cramped.	8/28/2014 9:09 AM

Q3 If you or a family member uses the children's library, how would you rate the following?

Answered: 219 Skipped: 97



	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Total
Location in the Building	20.28% 44	36.41% 79	22.12% 48	13.36% 29	7.83% 17	217
Amount of Space	6.91% 15	24.42% 53	41.47% 90	17.97% 39	9.22% 20	217
Lighting	8.84% 19	38.60% 83	31.16% 67	12.09% 26	9.30% 20	215
Ventilation & Temperature	5.05% 11	33.49% 73	27.98% 61	19.72% 43	13.76% 30	218
Seating	5.07% 11	18.43% 40	42.86% 93	23.50% 51	10.14% 22	217
Shelving	7.37% 16	35.02% 76	35.48% 77	10.14% 22	11.98% 26	217
Working Tables	4.15% 9	19.82% 43	42.86% 93	18.89% 41	14.29% 31	217
Quiet Study, Work or Reading	3.24% 7	10.19% 22	30.09% 65	35.19% 76	21.30% 46	216
Small Group Meetings	5.63% 12	12.21% 26	19.72% 42	22.54% 48	39.91% 85	213
Large Group Meetings	7.11% 15	16.11% 34	17.54% 37	21.33% 45	37.91% 80	211
Number of Computers	5.16% 11	14.08% 30	24.41% 52	23.47% 50	32.86% 70	213
Location of Computers	6.60% 14	18.87% 40	30.19% 64	15.57% 33	28.77% 61	212

Access from outdoors	8.21% 17	32.37% 67	30.92% 64	16.91% 35	11.59% 24	207
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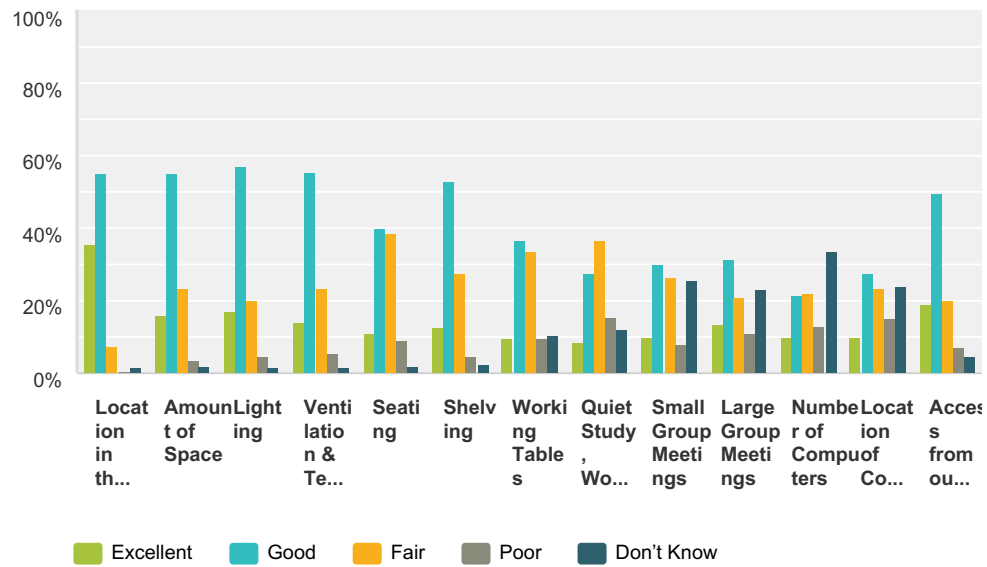
#	Comments on Children's Library	Date
1	It feels and looks like a basement.	9/30/2014 8:42 PM
2	good to have kids separate because it can get noisy - but dark in the basement.	9/30/2014 12:55 PM
3	21st century children need 21st century quality access and creative environments.	9/29/2014 12:00 PM
4	the children's area is often loud due to boisterous teens; all computers are in the teen section - none for younger kids	9/28/2014 10:14 PM
5	It would be extremely helpful to have the children's library entrance at the ground level to avoid stairs. Recommend growing the children's library collection. Many classics and valuable books are missing from the collection. It would be nice not to have the bathrooms be men and women or only be used by children and their caregivers. They are often very smelly. Teens should have a separate area of the library since many stay there after school which can make the children's department unpleasant.	9/27/2014 3:27 PM
6	Hard if you have a stroller. Good. Location to the bathroom. Anna is amazing with the kids. I wish she was there more often.	9/26/2014 10:08 PM
7	Air quality seems to be an ongoing problem.	9/26/2014 8:45 AM
8	Much too small. No storage space. The place looks so cramped and can be so loud.	9/25/2014 10:24 PM
9	Space needs to be updated and better- utilized.	9/25/2014 10:12 PM
10	Programs are great but we need more space and more materials. This area gets a ton of use. We love the library and want to see more expansion.	9/25/2014 8:00 PM
11	We the love Children's library. We just see there is a demand for more space to allow the collection to grow. More space would mean potential for new programing or additional programing. Finally, we loved having the Friday lunch option at the library. It was a nice treat for my family.	9/25/2014 2:06 PM
12	The picture book bins are great, and having more of the collection housed in this format would be really helpful for little ones, especially pre-readers. Rotating them is a good idea, except that location is part of how the youngest children find their favorite books, topics, authors, etc. This lends itself to favoring the series books, which are more consistently located. Perhaps the parenting books could be shelved on higher shelves to make more room for lower bins?	9/24/2014 9:18 PM
13	but I think less computers would be better or if the kids would have to log onto the computers using their library usernumbers and then could no longer play after 30 minutes	9/23/2014 3:59 PM
14	have not used children's area in many many years - perhaps again when grandchildren visit.	9/23/2014 3:23 PM
15	A separate teen space would be great! T(w)eens use the library differently than younger kids and need a hang-out space in which noise from their chatter doesn't disrupt other library users.	9/22/2014 9:24 PM
16	Seemed okay when I used it 8 years ago. May lack now?	9/22/2014 8:05 PM
17	It's perfect my children love it we use it all of the time	9/22/2014 7:34 PM
18	do not use	9/22/2014 7:10 PM
19	My "child is now 21, so I'll skip this section.	9/22/2014 6:05 PM
20	It would be nice to have a more convenient spot to drop off books (maybe without having to park).	9/17/2014 10:29 AM
21	Kids' space is in radical need of renovation. Children should NOT be down in rooms with little outside light, dampness & probably mold.	9/16/2014 7:58 PM
22	We all know the basement's a bummer. Put the kids on the top floor, keep the fish tank, lose the computers.	9/16/2014 9:32 AM
23	More computers	9/11/2014 3:56 PM

24	Although our daughter is grown up now we used the library a lot when she was in school. We always found it to be a welcoming place with adequate space for everything we needed to do there. That said, if we were there now maybe there are things that could be bigger or brighter. Maybe things are outdated or need replacing. But a few years ago it was great!	9/11/2014 3:14 PM
25	While we love the children's librarians and the programming that takes place, the room itself does not meet the needs of the families in our community. It is too small and crowded and does not have adequate natural lighting and open space for activities and gatherings. Children should not be relegated to the dank dark basement of the library.	9/11/2014 9:11 AM
26	Sorry..it is too long since I have been involved to help you here Pat Mraz, Middlebury.	9/10/2014 1:31 PM
27	Our children's library gets so much use--it would be a good investment for our town's families if we could build a new children's library. One of my kids hates going to the library because the space gives him a headache, the air quality is so bad. The space doesn't allow for quiet study--it's so loud that my middle schooler won't go there after school to do research or homework. The facility is so bad that people can't or won't use it.	9/10/2014 8:04 AM
28	Would be nice to split little and big kids more.	9/9/2014 9:58 AM
29	I think the staff does an excellent job with what they have, but relocated in a bright, sunny place it could be a much more exciting, welcoming area	9/8/2014 4:46 PM
30	I haven't used the children's library in many years but I think the access from outside could be greatly improved with a level entrance. The same for the meeting room.	9/8/2014 4:17 PM
31	Teen Space is poor.	9/8/2014 8:46 AM
32	Staff is amazing. They work in less than ideal conditions and always maintain great attitudes. I've noticed they are sometimes under staffed for the amount of traffic that goes through. If the adult area received the same amount of traffic they would be over whelmed. I think while very expensive,they could use the same self check out that the adult area has. I almost never see the adult machine being used could it go down stairs?	9/7/2014 7:19 AM
33	There was at one time a plan to create a separate entrance to the children's room from the back garden - this still seems like a charming and practical idea to me. I appreciate how Ms. Allen has arranged the children's area but recognize the dearth of space she needs.	9/6/2014 4:01 PM
34	Although some are concerned it is in the basement, that keeps it cool in summer and allows for noisier activities that would be the case on other floors. It is very cheerful, open, and welcoming in my opinion ... could use some "freshening" because of heavy use, but nothing major.	9/4/2014 3:32 PM
35	Too bad the library is in the basement...guess that was an after-thought. There is no quiet area for teenagers to go to do their homework. I think that there should also be a quiet area with a computer for them to use as well, no computer games but access to research and not be influenced by the noisy kids that are playing games.	9/4/2014 1:35 PM
36	Quiet study does not seem necessary (or possible) in Children's library. :-)	9/4/2014 11:32 AM
37	I don't see the need for a children's library to have meeting rooms and access to the outdoors.	9/4/2014 11:15 AM
38	The furniture could use an upgrade.	9/4/2014 10:40 AM
39	Granddaughters love this library! It is an inviting space but needs some renovation.	9/4/2014 10:02 AM
40	Great programs!!!! Does the graphic novel section need to be expanded even more?	9/4/2014 9:37 AM
41	are you talking about computers in the children's library?	9/4/2014 9:32 AM
42	Do not use	9/4/2014 9:27 AM
43	please help our your people	9/4/2014 8:50 AM
44	Too small with few age appropriate areas.	9/2/2014 11:47 AM
45	Sufficient space and facilities.	9/1/2014 9:56 AM
46	I think it's the computers that started the problems with kids just coming to hang out there. That is the thing that makes it hard to read or study there now. And we don't come as often because of that.	9/1/2014 8:30 AM
47	I would prefer a children's area on the main floor, but may be more difficult to get to.	9/1/2014 7:35 AM
48	Basement is not welcoming or well suited for the purpose. It feels like children are being put out of sight-out of mid rather than welcomed	9/1/2014 5:54 AM

49	It is cramped and poorly lit. Carpets are dirty and the bathroom smells are unpleasant. It seems to be the most busy part of the library so it should be much better. Reminds me of Kellogg Hubbard in Montpelier before they renovated.	9/1/2014 4:12 AM
50	Children's room not light and airy. Ventilation does not feel right. Feels a bit like the kids were put in the basement.	8/31/2014 8:02 PM
51	N/A	8/31/2014 7:48 PM
52	I'm not a current user of the children's library, though I was, as a parent, many years ago.	8/31/2014 6:34 PM
53	same kids are on the computers day after day not fair to the kids that do not come to the library as frequent	8/30/2014 1:47 PM
54	I know it is cramped down there but it does have a warm cozy feel and direct access from the back parking lot and bathrooms.	8/30/2014 9:33 AM
55	It's a little depressing to go into the basement with my kids. I have moved from Charlotte VT with a much smaller library, but the children's part was light filled with some toys and a soft bench. There is something more institutional about Isley library and the basement feels cold even when it's not.	8/30/2014 7:01 AM
56	The children's room is also dirty everywhere!!!! And sometimes the books are shelved so tight I want a crow-bar to get them out... In addition - do we really need hundreds of fairy books?? and comics? If the Teens had their own space, I think the existing kids' library would do fine for the kids. I like what the new Librarian has done with space arrangements and she sure knows her books.	8/29/2014 9:52 PM
57	Well organized existing space...but need twice as much because of high use...i.e. is well done..and use shows that...but needs more room....and ability to see out or have more natural light. Also to have project rooms for small groups. and display areas.	8/29/2014 8:50 PM
58	See my response to #1	8/29/2014 8:17 AM
59	About half the size it needs to be. Not ADA accessible. So crowded! Limited quiet nooks to read together or study. Always noisy when we are there.	8/28/2014 9:42 PM
60	not relevant for me	8/28/2014 8:31 PM
61	Some of these items don't seem to apply to the current children's library space...	8/28/2014 7:30 PM
62	I don't use the children's library so won't comment	8/28/2014 6:13 PM
63	Vibrant collection and programs squeezed into limited space	8/28/2014 5:40 PM
64	The environment here is a free for all. My children no longer like coming here because of the noise and rambunctious behavior in the computer and young adult are. It is unpleasant to browse for books due to the computers Nd lounge type furniture. There is no where for an adult to sit while children browse for books.	8/28/2014 4:03 PM
65	Sad that it has to be in the cellar, not a cheerful place with only artificial light! I feel that the staff does well with what they have. Does the bathtub have to be the center of the room forever? Some creative decorating changes are needed.	8/28/2014 1:20 PM
66	Please don't turn the children's library into a giant computer lab. Need space for books !!! Um, do people hold meetings in the children's library ?	8/28/2014 10:19 AM
67	The children's area is cramped, and the shelves are cramped. It would be great if the teen area could be moved. I think the teens (and/or tweens) need more room to themselves. I loved the changes that have been made recently (more kids seating, more toys, rearrangement of materials), I just think space is the limiting factor.	8/28/2014 9:14 AM
68	My kids enjoyed it a long time ago.	8/28/2014 9:11 AM

Q4 If you or a family member uses the adult's library, how would you rate the following?

Answered: 277 Skipped: 39



	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Total
Location in the Building	35.64% 98	54.91% 151	7.27% 20	0.73% 2	1.45% 4	275
Amount of Space	15.75% 43	54.95% 150	23.44% 64	3.66% 10	2.20% 6	273
Lighting	17.22% 47	57.14% 156	19.78% 54	4.40% 12	1.47% 4	273
Ventilation & Temperature	13.92% 38	55.68% 152	23.44% 64	5.49% 15	1.47% 4	273
Seating	10.95% 30	39.78% 109	38.32% 105	8.76% 24	2.19% 6	274
Shelving	12.55% 34	53.14% 144	27.31% 74	4.43% 12	2.58% 7	271
Working Tables	9.63% 26	36.67% 99	33.70% 91	9.26% 25	10.74% 29	270
Quiet Study, Work or Reading	8.52% 23	27.41% 74	36.67% 99	15.56% 42	11.85% 32	270
Small Group Meetings	10.15% 27	30.08% 80	26.32% 70	7.89% 21	25.56% 68	266
Large Group Meetings	13.58% 36	31.32% 83	21.13% 56	10.94% 29	23.02% 61	265
Number of Computers	9.89% 26	21.67% 57	22.05% 58	12.93% 34	33.46% 88	263
Location of Computers	9.81% 26	27.55% 73	23.40% 62	15.09% 40	24.15% 64	265

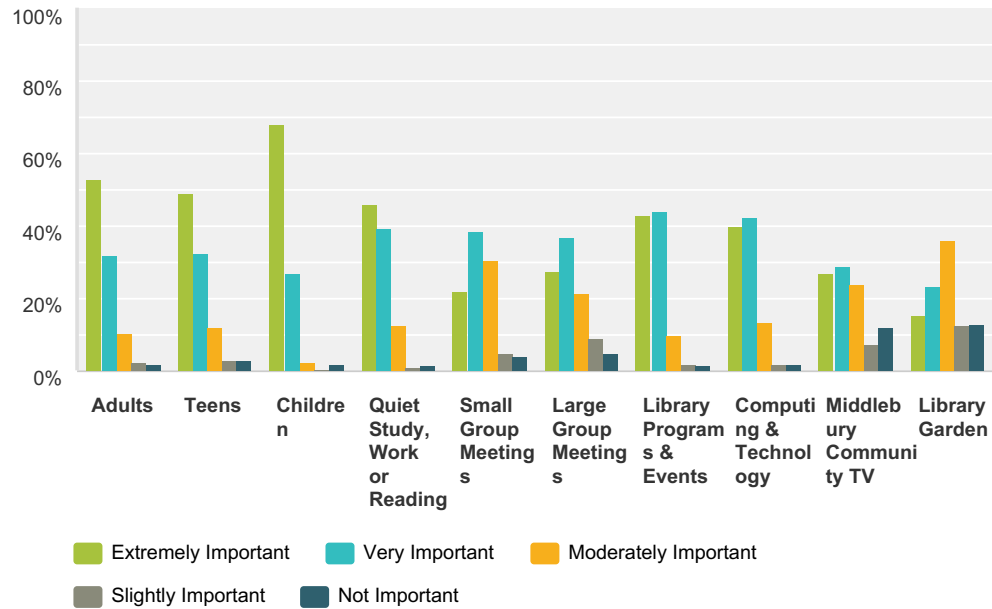
Access from outdoors	19.17% 51	49.62% 132	19.92% 53	6.77% 18	4.51% 12	266
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#	Comments on Adult's Library	Date
1	Not enough space for books. Quiet work is impossible; there are no "quiet" areas. Much too hot in winter and summer.	9/25/2014 10:26 PM
2	I don't use the computers, mostly take out fiction, rarely use reference. Downstairs meeting room seems to work well - have not attended small meetings at the library.	9/23/2014 3:25 PM
3	More space could mean more books! More and quieter study spaces would be appreciated	9/22/2014 9:20 PM
4	would like to see it updated - more light would provide more energy to the building	9/22/2014 8:07 PM
5	People using the computers can be noisy or going to inappropriate sites.	9/22/2014 7:52 PM
6	private meeting rooms for small meetings and study rooms for one to three people to use would be a great addition to our library.	9/22/2014 7:12 PM
7	I do have trouble finding books -- I'm not sure if I'm just not familiar with Ilsley's cataloguing system or if because it's a smaller library the genre's just aren't as divvied up? I may just be dense, though. I keep expecting there to be a sci-fi section and then I end up walking past all these romance novels to find Terry Pratchett...	9/22/2014 6:05 PM
8	Don't overheat or overcool the building. Preset air conditioners for summer at 75 degrees (like the college). Set back temp at night after 9 pm in winter to 58 degrees. Daytime temp should not exceed 70.	9/17/2014 1:10 PM
9	I think the entire library space could be better organized and it would allow for the better use of all areas. I think there is enough physical space, it's just not used efficiently.	9/17/2014 5:37 AM
10	Steps no matter how one approaches. Upstairs stacks are not readily accessible.	9/16/2014 8:01 PM
11	Isolate the computers, maybe. Who wants to return from the gardening/home improvement section with one's child and have to pass a gauntlet of screen images that aren't really meant to be viewed in public?	9/16/2014 9:38 AM
12	I check out books fairly often and am happy with the way it's set up although it might be nice to have a few more chairs on the second floor. I have not had to organize small or large group meetings for a number of years but when I did the space was fine. I've attended both small and large group programs recently and it seemed fine to me although one program was standing room only.	9/11/2014 3:18 PM
13	We use the adult library less than the kid's library, but when I use it I find it to be better than the kid's library., I especially like the front entrance and circulation desk area and the alcove with tables is very nice. The stacks are a bit iffy, but still alright. The upstairs is a bit crowded.	9/10/2014 8:08 AM
14	Often no parking without walking up steep hills. Difficult to cross the parking lot with only one crosswalk. Traffic moves too fast through it. I would like to see all the adult items on one floor.	9/9/2014 6:49 AM
15	not easy for disabled people to get in.	9/8/2014 5:40 PM
16	The access is a problem for anyone who has trouble with steps. There should be a level entrance.	9/8/2014 4:18 PM
17	Can't say enough good stuff about your adult area!!! Staff is wonderful ,so helpful.	9/7/2014 7:22 AM
18	Books are crowded and, again, the shelves are dusty and grimy. I worry, too, that the fiction collection has become mostly thrillers and best-sellers rather than good literature. In addition, staff members seem at times too busy, or inexperienced, or plain old crabby...We should not accept rudeness from the staff.	9/6/2014 4:08 PM
19	I like the varied spaces. It would be very easy to install glass/glass doors to make certain areas "quiet" zones, while still maintaining visual contact with the rest of the spaces. I LOVE the old wood trim, oak furniture, etc that you just can't afford to buy or build now ... don't ever get rid of those.	9/4/2014 3:35 PM
20	There is never a computer available. Shelves need to be updated, they are old and collection of resource books need to be updated. I took out a bag of information about NYC - it was ridiculous how old all the information was! I challenge you to go look at those bags in the travel section right now and you'll see there is a need for updating.	9/4/2014 1:39 PM
21	I enjoy the adult library emensely and could see that the adult area could be designed to be repurposed in the afternoon when the library gets so crowded with after school young adults and kids	9/4/2014 11:17 AM
22	What working tables? There are few of these. The library is consistently too hot year round. The large meeting rooms is rarely a decent temperature.	9/2/2014 11:50 AM

23	Heating and cooling system needs work. Computers should be signed up for 30 minute periods to allow better distribution of computing time over users.	9/1/2014 5:53 PM
24	Library collection of quality reading could be enhanced. More books, periodicals and digital resources are key to the usefulness of this library.	9/1/2014 9:58 AM
25	I'm very much at home in the adult area, but the noise from the LOUD kids down stairs can be annoying.	9/1/2014 8:32 AM
26	Too noisy. Librarians are not out in the open and welcoming	9/1/2014 5:56 AM
27	There is a lot of space that seems little used. Some areas feel too empty and others too crowded.	9/1/2014 4:15 AM
28	Not a single complaint.	8/31/2014 7:44 PM
29	There have been a few times when I have felt unsafe in the library. Strange men have followed me to different sections or made me feel uncomfortable. I understand that the library needs to be accessible to all. However, I am struggling with how some of the patrons are using the library--as a hangout place to spend the day without much interest in books or other library collections. Perhaps this is due to a need in the community for services for homeless, low-income, drug rehab, etc.	8/31/2014 7:15 PM
30	Already addressed in earlier question	8/31/2014 12:12 PM
31	people talk like they are outside to noisy	8/30/2014 1:49 PM
32	We like the second floor seating area and the small rooms that are accessible for quick small meetings.	8/30/2014 9:35 AM
33	How about a section for oversize books? They're all piled up willy-nilly. And a place for Teens.	8/29/2014 9:55 PM
34	More comfortable seating....more long term study areas...casual seating about library is good..but comuter areas seem crowded and the most used?.wonder if library staff work space is adequate?	8/29/2014 8:55 PM
35	Be nice to have separate computer area for kids playing games and those doing research/email. I've always been comfortable inside; not too hot nor too chilled. Lighting is adequate from overall POV but individual lamps aren't as useful in present situation. They don't really shed light appropriately. I love climbing the front steps!	8/29/2014 10:11 AM
36	See my response to #1	8/29/2014 8:18 AM
37	The adults are in better shape than the children, but there , too, the need for space to read and relax is great. And the existing space has gotten worn from use.	8/28/2014 9:46 PM
38	The selection of books available, especially current non-fiction, is more important to me, since I take out to read at home.	8/28/2014 8:34 PM
39	Difficult to navigate levels, and access from outside, especially if in wheelchair or on crutches. Would be nice to have more computers spread throughout the building. Small quiet study rooms, with computer network access,would be great for both adults and after-school Middle School and High Schoolers. Ventilation in meeting room is inadequate at times. Lighting is okay. Book stacks appear crowded.	8/28/2014 7:32 PM
40	I don't mean to imply that the space for quiet study and small meetings is at all bad compared to other libraries. I just want to make it clear that this is what I would enjoy more of. There have been times I was unable to find a place to work suitable to my needs in the library. People like to come to the library to work on their laptops or iPads because unlike a cafe it is free to sit in the library.	8/28/2014 6:20 PM
41	Much of the original library space is devoted to office use. Could you perhaps rent part of the building next door, where there is an upstairs area that's often for rent, and use that for offices or for MCTV?	8/28/2014 6:11 PM
42	Because of space limitations, collection has had to be weeded more often than necessary.	8/28/2014 5:43 PM
43	The computers and the types of people they attract are disruptive. Gaming/social media and similar uses that invite conversation should be separated from those available for research.	8/28/2014 4:09 PM
44	Computer use infringes on looking for books and does not allow for private/quiet computer use. Both parties are jeopardized. There is little or no space for comfy chair reading....Middlebury College Library model is excellent.	8/28/2014 1:23 PM
45	More space for books! Enjoy the lobby area. Please don't let the computers and DVDs take over the whole space !	8/28/2014 10:21 AM
46	Everything I want	8/28/2014 9:13 AM
47	No particular area seems to be designated for adults.	8/27/2014 11:08 AM

Q5 How important do you think it is to have dedicated space in the library for the following?

Answered: 288 Skipped: 28



	Extremely Important	Very Important	Moderately Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Total
Adults	53.00% 150	31.80% 90	10.60% 30	2.47% 7	2.12% 6	283
Teens	49.11% 138	32.74% 92	12.10% 34	2.85% 8	3.20% 9	281
Children	67.96% 193	27.11% 77	2.46% 7	0.70% 2	1.76% 5	284
Quiet Study, Work or Reading	45.96% 131	39.30% 112	12.28% 35	1.05% 3	1.40% 4	285
Small Group Meetings	21.91% 62	38.52% 109	30.74% 87	4.95% 14	3.89% 11	283
Large Group Meetings	27.30% 77	37.23% 105	21.63% 61	8.87% 25	4.96% 14	282
Library Programs & Events	42.76% 121	43.82% 124	10.25% 29	1.77% 5	1.41% 4	283
Computing & Technology	40.21% 113	42.70% 120	13.52% 38	1.78% 5	1.78% 5	281
Middlebury Community TV	26.94% 73	29.15% 79	23.99% 65	7.75% 21	12.18% 33	271
Library Garden	15.29% 26	23.53% 40	35.88% 61	12.35% 21	12.94% 22	170

#	Comments on dedicated space:	Date
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1	I think that teen space should be separate from the children's space. The 'bigger' kids end up using the teen space then the teens don't want to use it. My kids have grown up at the library at age 12 and 14 they no longer have much interest in going there - partly because they 'don't have anywhere to go'	9/30/2014 12:58 PM
2	The Friends of the Library also need a dedicated space both for ongoing book sales and for other fund-raising projects that could contribute to the library.	9/29/2014 12:02 PM
3	I don't know how "essential" the library garden is, however it is very lovely. Ann's efforts are greatly appreciated and enhance the entire town, not just the library.	9/27/2014 10:49 PM
4	As said earlier, teens should have a separate space from the children.	9/27/2014 3:29 PM
5	Given the partnership between the library and MCTV, having the TV studio and office in the library seems essential.	9/26/2014 8:48 AM
6	Don't understand why Community TV is a library function. The garden is very nice, but I would rather have books.	9/25/2014 10:27 PM
7	More important than age groups is volume/activity level expectation divisions. Story time, puppet shows, and meetings/gatherings need separate space from quiet study. The outside space is really helpful for pent-up energy release before or after kids' time in the library, (as well as a lovely space for outdoor events.)	9/24/2014 9:23 PM
8	meeting rooms are of course important, it seems to me though that the town could coordinate better the many rooms across many buildings that are actually available but hard to find out about	9/23/2014 4:01 PM
9	Overall I think the library staff & Board do a fine job managing the current space with its limitations. The space is heavily used and expansion should be on the horizon and I would support making resources available.	9/22/2014 9:23 PM
10	Separating computing from browsing and reading spaces would be welcome, except for reference computers placed in the stacks for catalog searches.	9/22/2014 9:23 PM
11	A community library is extremely important. I feel lucky that I have access to the MC Davis Library where I go more often even though it's further away. I would like to frequent Ilsley more often.	9/22/2014 8:09 PM
12	the library is beautiful, including its gardens. I think this present the library well that indicates the quality of the library services and inventory. Thank you.	9/22/2014 7:13 PM
13	The Library gardens at Ilsley is one of the most appreciated mindfulness peace assets for me.	9/22/2014 6:08 PM
14	Focus on programming for tweens	9/17/2014 1:13 PM
15	The Ilsley garden is a wonderful private spot unlike any other in downtown Middlebury. When the library expands (& I hope it will!) efforts should be made to have this or a similar spot/refuge	9/16/2014 8:03 PM
16	If you don't make your greatest efforts on the children's section, then how are you going to establish lifelong patrons? Move the computers and Middlebury TV to the new town offices, maybe. But do NOT move the Library, for god's sake.	9/16/2014 9:52 AM
17	I really like the garden and i wish it was bigger so there would be more space outside for kids to play and for there to be more flowers and "spice" up the library, because just being that the library is gray ish on the out side it would be nice to add some color to it.	9/11/2014 3:58 PM
18	glad you included the garden = a summer haven	9/10/2014 8:37 PM
19	Gardens are a wonderfully kept addition and delightful. I often sit out back in the garden...except this summer.	9/9/2014 6:50 AM
20	A clear vision of what is desired should determine how important these things are: if you want it to be a really wonderful gathering place for the community, group meeting rooms and event space and even a garden could make a big difference. If you want a straight ahead library, they may not be as important. I was very struck a few years ago meeting a school librarian whose self-proclaimed mission was to make the library the "coolest" place in the school, a place where kids really wanted to hang out (and no, he wasn't sacrificing books to be hip). But it was an inspiring mission	9/8/2014 4:51 PM
21	The library garden is very beautiful and special. Please don't let it be destroyed. I'm concerned about its light being blocked by the new office building.	9/8/2014 4:20 PM
22	The library is so important to the community. All groups space is extremely important for different reasons. I think it would be awful to prioritize one above another.	9/7/2014 7:27 AM
23	I don't think the meeting space or TV space needs to be in the library unless it is directly related to library programs or events. I think these things are important but could be done in other sites in town to free up space in the library for library needs.	9/6/2014 11:24 PM

24	...and the beautiful. beloved Library garden: very important to me and the community.	9/6/2014 4:10 PM
25	I feel that teens have many options in the schools and in the teen center. I do not feel that the library needs to fill their needs. The library is important for young children and adults as they have no other resource.	9/4/2014 9:20 PM
26	There are many small, well appointed rooms within the library ... could be designated for certain numbers of people for meetings. Sometimes, meetings only have 4 to 6 people. Can the large room downstairs be partitioned off ... there was a group of about ten people meeting today, but they controlled the whole space.	9/4/2014 3:37 PM
27	Nice spaces for the community bring people out and strengthen the community.	9/4/2014 1:40 PM
28	I'm not opposed to Midd Com TV. I think it's great, but it could be located someplace else without too much impact on use of the rest of the library.	9/4/2014 11:34 AM
29	I think that large group meetings could be held at the town office building next door to free up some additional space. Also the spaces that are busy during 3 -5 pm could be easily converted to other space during the daytime	9/4/2014 11:19 AM
30	The library becomes a baby sitter for teens who aren't really there to study so I think that aspect should be discouraged.	9/4/2014 9:28 AM
31	Not sure why the library houses community TV. This does not seem to be a library function. Teens and children interfere with the possibility of quiet reading and study, but then, so does the staff and the patrons.	9/2/2014 11:51 AM
32	Need more books.	9/1/2014 9:59 AM
33	new town office bulding will relieve some of the meeting room space needs	9/1/2014 8:16 AM
34	I am not one to define space by the age of the participant. I would rather see space dedicated for a function which may cater more to one age group or another.	9/1/2014 7:42 AM
35	I do hope that the dedicated spaces have permeable walls, such that teens are fine in the adult space as long as they abide by the expectations, and that adults can be in the teen and children's spaces as long as they accept the established culture there.	8/31/2014 6:38 PM
36	The teens need somewhere to go and something to do. They have bullied their way up and down stairs, had very loud, inappropriate (graphic sex and drugs) conversations in the tucked away seating corners and have been rude to the point of intimidation around doors -- all things I've personally experienced in the library. Please give them a space where they can talk and hang out with their friends safely without disturbing the other patrons' ability to enjoy the library too.	8/30/2014 9:57 AM
37	I don't know about tv	8/30/2014 7:03 AM
38	Again, Teens deserve and need their own space. Very important!!	8/29/2014 9:58 PM
39	See my response to #1	8/29/2014 8:19 AM
40	These are non-negotiables.	8/28/2014 9:47 PM
41	Auditorium for public lectures, e.g., "First Monday" series, is extremely important for me.	8/28/2014 8:37 PM
42	It's nice to have MCTV co-located, yet perhaps not essential to functioning of the "library" per se.	8/28/2014 7:33 PM
43	There is more space than necessary devoted to quiet study or reading. The whole front of the downstairs has tables & chairs and I've never seen more than one or two people using them. Teens and adults should be able to use the same area; I don't think teens need their own space.	8/28/2014 6:25 PM
44	Chose very important for community tv because I'm not sure where else it could go, with the exception of town offices	8/28/2014 6:07 PM
45	The library has become less of a community resource and more of an after-school hangout/daycare for unattended children, and an Internet cafe for loud, inappropriate adult conversations in the adult library. There is no place for peace and quiet, and the next generation is not leArning to use the library in this fashion. I understand wanting to serve everyone but it is happening at the expense of what a library should be. Take a look at fletcher free in Burlington or the Williston library for what a library should be for expected behavior. No one at our library demands appropriate behavior from users.	8/28/2014 4:13 PM
46	I think that the library does well with limited space.	8/28/2014 1:26 PM
47	Meetings can be held anywhere, they don't have to be at the library. But MCTV and the children's room are our treasures and need to be maintained or preferably expanded. Adults and teens can take care of themselves, I think, and technology is everywhere -- don't need tons of space for it that could be used for books / reading.	8/28/2014 10:23 AM

48	I think the library is generally quiet enough for quiet study in most places (minus the kids room, obviously). I think the teens need more and more private space. I have never participated in anything related to MCTV, so I left that blank. I cannot speak to it's value, or whether or not it needs to be in the library (as opposed to some other public building).	8/28/2014 9:18 AM
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Q6 How could specific spaces in the library be improved or better utilized?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Better space and audio needed in special events room. Computers need to be in a more protected, private area. Location of fiction and non-fiction books might be more easily accessible.	10/2/2014 1:56 PM
2	If possible, a bigger space for large group meetings.	10/2/2014 1:50 PM
3	Not enough room to see the current DVDs on the shelves - people can only look one at a time.	10/2/2014 1:47 PM
4	More room and light for the children's library. A space for activities.	10/2/2014 1:43 PM
5	Dedicated room for computers to decrease noise in the rest of the library. Need more quiet reading nooks.	10/2/2014 1:38 PM
6	MCTV needs more space and technology. Expanded space for children and youth programs would be great, Hanover NH library is a good example. I worry we are disturbing others when I use the small group meeting spaces.	10/2/2014 1:31 PM
7	A larger computer area.	10/2/2014 12:46 PM
8	Traffic flow by the main desk	10/2/2014 12:26 PM
9	Traffic flow in children's is congested.	10/2/2014 10:48 AM
10	More & Brighter Space for kids.	10/2/2014 10:42 AM
11	I think there needs to be a few computers on each floor, not one big collection on the main floor. And the room right above the circulation desk seems underused.	9/30/2014 8:47 PM
12	I would keep the basement dedicated to the little/big kids. And have the teen space soemthwere else in the building... upstairs? not sure where there is more space?	9/30/2014 1:01 PM
13	It seems like the library would benefit from a flexible design that could be easily altered and modified to accommodate changing needs, some that may not even be predictable. Meeting spaces that are malleable and useful to different size groups make more sense than rigid spaces that serve limited purposes. Considering lighting and it's effect on the space and the way that sound travels throughout the space are also good to keep in mind.	9/30/2014 12:44 PM
14	Air quality is poor in Children's Space. Would love more quiet work nooks for laptop work. Comfy seats for kids.	9/30/2014 11:15 AM
15	I think the library staff has done--and continues to do--a very creative job in utilizing the very limited space. I have no suggestions for specific changes. A larger library would make it possible to keep a larger collection on hand for patrons and to provide even more access to technology. At present, the library is filled beyond capacity as it strives to meet community needs, purge slightly older volumes from the shelves, and create effect nooks and corners for various needs.	9/29/2014 12:08 PM
16	It would be nice if it were quieter....that is, teens whispered in a "Library voice" when they have to speak.	9/27/2014 10:50 PM
17	Separate teen and children. Increase space for children to use the library and for additional resources to be added. Unrelated to space: Increase the length of time that DVDs can be checked out to 2 or 3 weeks.	9/27/2014 3:35 PM
18	I'd like to see the Children's Library moved out of the basement, replaced perhaps by the computers, DVDs, and other aspects of the library for which a bright, inviting environment is less important.	9/26/2014 8:54 AM
19	Kick out the children from the adult areas after school; the library should not have to provide babysitting and policing.	9/25/2014 10:31 PM
20	It would be great to have an area for small meeting. I know there is one room upstairs, but it is not very inviting. Also, the other small room has awful lighting and both could be made more comfortable.	9/25/2014 6:37 PM
21	The reference room could be arranged differently and furnished more efficiently than it is now. The meeting room is neither large enough nor comfortable for large meetings. It should be above ground with natural lighting and ventilation. Seating should be on a grade for improved viewing during lectures and visual presentations.	9/25/2014 4:04 PM

22	More space for children and tweens. More space, period! Better integrated HVAC and more efficient HVAC.	9/25/2014 2:04 PM
23	We love our local library, and although all old buildings can use improvements I feel for a town our size we are incredibly lucky and fortunate to have all the resources we do!	9/25/2014 12:47 PM
24	Make it bigger	9/25/2014 11:11 AM
25	Dedicated computer area that is not next to walkways and shelving. More tables and chairs on second floor for quiet reading or studying.	9/24/2014 7:40 AM
26	there needs to be an area for teens, maybe upstairs	9/23/2014 10:53 PM
27	the children's area should move out of the basement - the basement is quite awful	9/23/2014 4:01 PM
28	Music CD's poorly organized. Other than a few catagories such as classical, pop, etc there seems to be no alphabetizing or numbering, making finding a particular CD next to impossible.	9/23/2014 12:55 PM
29	The children's area could be improved by more comfy seating to read with kids. The movie section could be improved by more space to display movies.	9/23/2014 12:25 PM
30	The Community Room needs to have improved acoustics and enlarged. A larger area for computer users, both adult and children's areas. Some stack areas are narrow and multiple users are crowded. I do think the partnership of MCTV and Ilsley is an asset and I would support that relationship if additional space or resources are needed.	9/22/2014 9:58 PM
31	Small meeting spaces upstairs could be better isolated so as to limit noise transmission. More inviting lighting, more outlets and better wireless access would be welcome in the small spaces.	9/22/2014 9:26 PM
32	More open hours of the library. I like the browsing areas and space to read magazines.	9/22/2014 8:12 PM
33	Computers in a closed in room separate from shelves and reading areas.	9/22/2014 7:58 PM
34	I purpose we could use all the money saved from the energy improvements to hire a door person. My mother has difficulty opening the doors.	9/22/2014 7:37 PM
35	more quiet spaces, softer voices especially in the front area where people are sitting and reading.	9/22/2014 7:18 PM
36	Visit the Boothbay Harbor ME Memorial Library for a tour of how they have just revamped their floor plan and allocation of existing space. Maybe you could do a virtual visit. I don't believe they accommodate community-TV resources in their building.	9/22/2014 6:12 PM
37	Children's area to small and crowded.	9/20/2014 7:38 PM
38	The children's room is suffering not only from a lack of space, but specifically a lack of shelving. Changing shelving (ie taller shelving units, or adjustments to size/shape based on location in room) as well as reconfiguring the usage of the space could go a long way towards improving all the space issues. I think this could happen without compromising too many activity areas, and would be much better than other alternatives such as expanding and losing the garden.	9/19/2014 2:11 PM
39	Meeting room often seems crowded for presentations. Staff work areas need to be enlarged, both basement and main floor.	9/18/2014 8:53 AM
40	Move noisy activities and quiet areas away from each other.	9/18/2014 8:50 AM
41	Library needs thorough, consistent cleaning. Computers that time out after a certain amount of time.	9/17/2014 2:48 PM
42	Do not allow children to use the computers to play games when adults would like to use them. Perhaps a time limit, e.g. 2 hrs per day.	9/17/2014 2:46 PM
43	Put computers in a separate area in a glass enclosure. Need more space for the library book sale.	9/17/2014 2:43 PM
44	Computers should be reserved in 1/2 hour increments. Non-members should be charged for usage.	9/17/2014 2:41 PM
45	reorganization of existing spaces would allow for better efficiency. I've always found the lighting in there to be horrible and the large conference room is just awful. I don't like attending things in there. It's very dark and not a pleasant space.	9/17/2014 5:39 AM
46	More computer access. For kids and adults. More quiet area for kids	9/16/2014 11:51 PM
47	The computers have loud kids on them playing each other with running dialogue. There is no reading or study nooks except in the enterence or in the VT section. Tables are hardly used and take up a lot of space	9/16/2014 8:42 PM

48	Children's library needs to be rethought entirely. It should also be located so that library patrons see and appreciate what is happening. Amazing as it may seem, some "adult" users don't even know there IS a children's library & have not visited. Computers seem to need more space, though I don't use them. Teens need more space and work space.	9/16/2014 8:09 PM
49	I'm really not sure, I know there have been lots of comments about the limitations of the space for children and teens. Also, I think there needs to be more space for large group meetings. Teens in particular may need a dedicated space. Some days they can be boisterous and distracting as they find private places to sit around the library - particularly problematic upstairs.	9/16/2014 6:19 PM
50	Less displayed books and more actually shelved books in the new-releases area near the front. Are the magazines actually getting thumbed through by anyone other than those waiting for someone else to do their business? If you can't move the computers to, say, the new town hall, definitely isolate them in the adult section (I do *not* want to see what people are looking at while I browse the shelves) and in the children's section (where they're simply disruptive). Maybe all the computers and the DVDs and the music videos should go in the basement, anyway. Middlebury TV can move to the town hall (or join the computers), and the children's section can move into the top floor. (Hm. But then all that clomping on the stairs. What state's the elevator in these days?) Also: Is something not happening to the reference section where Chris's desk is? Are you putting poetry in there? Make it the Literary Room. Load the walls up with Whitman and Dickinson, Shakespeare and Chekhov, Faulkner and O'Connor, Joyce and Woolf. With doors that open and close quietly and stay closed. A couple of tables for literary osmosis. Feature reading events and small group meetings in there. That's the room with the great window, isn't it? Put the great books in there. Get a literary-sugar-daddy to fund the renovations, stock the shelves, and then put their name on the door(s).	9/16/2014 10:17 AM
51	Better supervision of older children is desperately needed!	9/14/2014 4:35 PM
52	Clean, tidy, more inviting. We expect noise in the children's area certainly, but there should still be an acceptable limit.	9/12/2014 8:53 AM
53	you should put some more computers upstairs.	9/11/2014 4:00 PM
54	More comfortable furniture and more open layout in the children's room.	9/11/2014 9:16 AM
55	break up computer stations and distribute them in different areas..to crowded	9/10/2014 8:40 PM
56	I think that the teen section should be expanded. Personally, I have read basically every book in that section and feel that several more bookshelves should be added!	9/10/2014 9:18 AM
57	I'm sure you could rearrange things to better use space, but I don't really think this is a long term solution. MCTV and the children/teens desperately need a new space. How about a new building that combines those two components with a new teen center? Collaboration would be wonderful in this town! It's really too bad that the new town hall will limit your options, but perhaps you could retake the new "public" park and build a wonderful new library and teen center there. Hopefully you'll approach this project with more creativity and openness than the town hall/gym fiasco!	9/10/2014 8:21 AM
58	Possibly more tables/workspace in the teen area.	9/10/2014 8:02 AM
59	More seating in main area near new fiction.	9/9/2014 12:03 PM
60	More quiet spaces/tables for studying.	9/9/2014 11:36 AM
61	I think the children's area downstairs is very well maintained and managed - it is a pleasure to visit and my children love it. I am unfamiliar with the adult section.	9/9/2014 10:00 AM
62	More individual work spaces, often sneak into Middlebury College library instead for lack of space.	9/9/2014 9:56 AM
63	More soft chairs for relaxed reading in the adult area or lobby. More nooks in the stacks for perusing materials-- places to sit briefly. More space for electronic media, DVDs, recorded content. Windows to sit by and read or wait for a friend.	9/9/2014 9:49 AM
64	Need more space in general.	9/9/2014 9:32 AM
65	The acoustics could be improved. Meeting rooms tend to be noisy (e.g. noisy air-conditioning). These are a particular problem for people with hearing loss. Meeting space is inadequate for lectures and other public events attracting large audiences.	9/9/2014 9:01 AM
66	Give tours. More help with computers for seniors. MCTV needs more space + ventilation.	9/9/2014 8:46 AM
67	More advertisement	9/9/2014 8:40 AM

68	Better ventilation for kids!	9/9/2014 8:38 AM
69	Computer space should be moved to an open area with better ventilation and separated cubicles for privacy and quiet work.	9/9/2014 8:33 AM
70	More meeting spaces for diverse groups after work hours.	9/8/2014 8:18 PM
71	see above	9/8/2014 7:34 PM
72	Need more bathrooms! And QUIETER ones; the current air dryers are loud enough to damage hearing. There is frequently a line of people waiting. One additional bathroom away from the children's section would probably be enough if it doesn't require access to the meeting room as is currently the case.	9/8/2014 6:14 PM
73	More light, more seating, more welcoming spaces	9/8/2014 4:51 PM
74	I like the central location of the library--it's place, front row center in our community. Parking could be better! I think that more spaces for the different populations would be important. Many spaces feel small, cramped, and trying to do too many things at once.	9/8/2014 4:21 PM
75	Would love to see more tables available for study/research. Better visibility for community tv too.	9/8/2014 9:06 AM
76	When my daughter was young the second floor made me nervous. The bottom sashes on the windows were always open. They are very low and it would have been easy for her to push against the screens and fall out. I always shut them and opened the tops. This should be common practice. Also the gap by the elevator should have a screen over it. Again it would be easy for a young child to slip down. I know it is my job as a parent to watch my child but I worried about these areas. Children slip out of your eyesight quickly.	9/7/2014 7:43 AM
77	I think it works well for what I need - to browse holdings, sit at a table or chair to look at something or research something.	9/6/2014 11:25 PM
78	The Reference Room is a lovely space but it could be better utilized. The large tables are nice and people can spread out, but it does limit the # of people who can use the space, although this is not usually a problem. But the world has changed since that room was envisioned and this room could probably be reconfigured. The computer space for example is a weak spot and might be able to be moved out of its corner.	9/5/2014 2:29 PM
79	I would like to see more space for children. Their space should be separate from the rest of the library and should be a vibrant, busy, fun place, not necessarily a hush, quiet study environment.	9/5/2014 9:11 AM
80	The Vermont Room layout needs to be re-worked. I think the rooms off of it have become just a place for teens to camp out and get into trouble. That is not serving anyone. I think the computers need to be in an area out in the open as they are now. Maybe you need to enlarge that area or possibly put limitations on the length of time that one sits at the computer instead of enlarging the area. It doesn't appear that the teen area is being well used as they tend to be all over the library. I question the couch in the back area where the non-fiction is. Perhaps a worktable instead and a straight chair. I don't know id the work tables near the adult librarian are sufficiently used to command that much space. I rarely see anyone at them.	9/4/2014 9:26 PM
81	I think the reference room could have glass doors and glass in the wall openings to make it a quiet space for study, reading, etc. The seating is great as is the lighting. There were some people in there today quietly using laptops, tablets, and phones with wi-fi and that seemed great ... it is one of the best spots in the library and should be highlighted visually and given a special designation ... don't know if the traditional use of a reference room is as necessary now with internet searching, etc. I also hope that different age groups can be accommodated within the space such that individual activities, noise, etc. is accounted for, but there is opportunity for everyone to mix and learn to respect, appreciate, and maybe get to know each other	9/4/2014 3:47 PM
82	Create a quiet teen room for after school studies. More comfortable and inviting chairs to sit and read in the adult section - better lighting as well.	9/4/2014 1:44 PM
83	I assume that this survey exists because sometimes it feels like the library is bursting at the seams. I maintain a perspective that this is a fabulous sign of success! How envious other libraries should be of our problems! I wish space and money were infinite - I think there would be no limit to the enthusiasm and creativity of our community's library use.	9/4/2014 11:36 AM
84	Look for a new layout that would improve space use and efficiency. Remove all of the counters under the mezzanine at the center entrance and just have one simple circulation desk. Remove the librarian reference desk in the bay window reading/reference room. Convert the mezzanine center area to better used space	9/4/2014 11:24 AM
85	no comment	9/4/2014 10:25 AM
86	Mystery and sci-fi genres should have their own spaces.	9/4/2014 10:06 AM

87	Honestly, I don't use the library much. I attend meetings in the lower level community space fairly often.	9/4/2014 9:48 AM
88	I answered this in a previous comment. Renovation & replacement of furniture in the childrens' & teen areas would make the library much more appealing to the younger set.	9/4/2014 9:38 AM
89	sound proofing reduce the running around by youngsters (dangerous to adult users)	9/4/2014 9:36 AM
90	The children's library should not be in the basement. The quality of the space is not good.	9/4/2014 9:36 AM
91	Not sure but I do like the DVD's on the main floor. Thanks	9/4/2014 9:31 AM
92	A dedicated room for the computers would be very helpful, along with a few more computers that are available to the public. When needed I have had to wait far too long to access a computer.	9/4/2014 9:25 AM
93	I love that our library welcomes all different users but I don't think it needs to be all things to those users. We have a teen center where teens can hang out and make noise. Having quiet spaces for all users in the library is important and the 'great room' entry functioning as an ad hoc place for neighbors to interact is a great compliment to quieter uses.	9/4/2014 9:16 AM
94	the space is fine the library can not be everything to every one	9/4/2014 9:12 AM
95	The library is full to bursting. I don't see how space could be configured differently to accommodate more in each area of its desired functions. Expansion is required, particularly for the children's library, where there ought to be space to accommodate teens, especially those who head there after school for "babysitting" in a safe place. When they come in adults leave. Not a good situation.	9/2/2014 11:56 AM
96	Rework current space	9/1/2014 8:19 AM
97	Last renovation/addition should have had a second floor above it. The open space is a waste of useful space and of energy cost for heating or cooling. Separate rooms w/glass walls may help with visual openness while cutting down on noise. Compact shelving could help in some areas to house better numbers of books in smaller spaces. Creating individual little work spaces with a built in seat and small desk (maybe technology connections) wherever a small cubby ends up in the design. Just using space that on the grand scale sometimes gets overlooked. Maybe also having computer space stretched out along a wall rather than clumped together.	9/1/2014 7:53 AM
98	Restrooms are awful	9/1/2014 5:57 AM
99	Keep kids from screaming in the computer room, and throughout the library.	8/31/2014 9:22 PM
100	A better space for small children and a better space for teens.	8/31/2014 8:05 PM
101	The meeting room is empty for most of the day. Is there a way that space could be opened for a place to read or work when it is not booked for meetings or programs? I'm also wondering if there is a food policy for the upper floor. I've noticed people eating in the adult fiction area, which seems odd. They weren't eating and reading or studying, they were just eating.	8/31/2014 7:28 PM
102	The new location for the videos and other media seems ersatz and does not contribute to the sense of the library's resources being accessible and available in a workable manner.	8/31/2014 7:00 PM
103	I think this is best addressed by the library staff who are there daily and see the flow in the building.	8/31/2014 12:16 PM
104	people need to be a bit more responsible for themselves and their children. noise levels of patrons to loud	8/30/2014 1:50 PM
105	The reference section seems under utilized, the computer space could be warmer and more inviting -- perhaps a swap?	8/30/2014 10:15 AM
106	More comfortable furniture	8/30/2014 7:04 AM
107	Expand the kids' area into the entire lowest floor and find a new place for Teens where they can have freedom and space, computers and books. Maybe spread the computers around? - a couple in the reference room, upstairs, in the front area. in back of the non-fiction shelves?	8/29/2014 10:07 PM
108	Children's Library moved to first floor more open larger area with customized areas for activities creatively place but FLEXIBLE!...Adult areas okay as is but could be re organized and seating improved...is nice that wherever you are you feel connected to other areas because of open floor plan. Midd. TV operating area best left completely separate form library activities.	8/29/2014 8:59 PM
109	I would like to see fiction subdivided. Going through the entire section to browse for sci-fi or fantasy gets old kind of fast.	8/29/2014 4:46 PM

110	Restrooms are iffy. Like that they're easily accessed from outside but don't get staff attention as often. Doors slam too loudly. Create separate usage areas in computer section. Love the balcony idea but it's not good as quiet area. Smaller tables so one person doesn't hog a whole table. We're reluctant to sit down at an already occupied larger table, so there's a shortage of desk space. Bistro-style library anyone?	8/29/2014 10:18 AM
111	Middlebury lacks ways for young people out of school to meet. Could Ilsley put on a program some night where "20 somethings" could meet? Maybe one of those speed dating events where you talk to someone a few minutes and then move to the next seat so young people meet many people in a short amount of time? It would have to be well advertised ...especially at the area's major employers... Just an idea.	8/29/2014 9:03 AM
112	I think in this age of technology a space is needed for computers. Space for teenagers should be available, and they should be asked to help maintain the space if they wish to participate.	8/29/2014 8:23 AM
113	Bring the kids up from the basement. Partition of areas for quiet/ noise?	8/29/2014 4:36 AM
114	Ventilation in basement and attic.	8/28/2014 8:13 PM
115	Remodel the inside to devote less space to hallways, stairs (if possible), tables, and empty space (maybe a loft over the bay window area?). Move MCTV to another location. Rent space in the adjacent building toward the north. Maybe you could even build a second story bridge over to it, from the stair well.	8/28/2014 6:26 PM
116	I am wondering how the upstairs where the movies used to be will be used. I am hoping it will be another place where people can set up at a table and work.	8/28/2014 6:26 PM
117	You need more space, probably an addition. Perhaps the basement could function as the TV studio and a children's library could be established in an attractive, above-ground space.	8/28/2014 5:48 PM
118	See previous answers.	8/28/2014 4:16 PM
119	Not sure.	8/28/2014 1:27 PM
120	Don't change the lobby. It's perfect. A little more space for computers would be good. Children's space is generally good, but highly used. Could have better traffic patterns. Clearer signage and layout as to where to find things would be a big help. Clear signs and diagrams with indications of what can be found where.	8/28/2014 10:29 AM
121	The Room on the second floor seems dark and under utilized. I've only been up there a few times - for the book sale and a couple other times - and it was empty. That space could be allocated for better use.	8/28/2014 9:32 AM
122	The children's area needs to expand to include the teen area. The teen area (including books/media) needs a more private and separate location, perhaps the community room adjacent to the kids room. I do not know how to solve the issue that this would create in terms of needing community/events space.	8/28/2014 9:25 AM
123	smaller spaces for one is quiet corner, perhaps with a partition, small spaces for two or three working on a project. Noise reducing movable "walls" may be a way to go to accomplish this	8/28/2014 9:18 AM
124	Access to small meeting rooms with available technology such as internet and presentation screens for use after hours.	8/28/2014 9:17 AM

Q7 Is there anything else you would like us to consider about the space needs of Ilsley Public Library?

Answered: 126 Skipped: 190

#	Responses	Date
1	Listening booths for soundproofing, listening to tapes, etc. Could a more secluded place toward the back of the building be turned into a comfortable reading area? The ramp entrance to the events room is dangerous for elderly people in the winter.	10/2/2014 1:56 PM
2	Technology needs to be provided for.	10/2/2014 1:43 PM
3	Parking	10/2/2014 1:33 PM
4	A space set aside for library friends to be more active in the daily life of the library.	10/2/2014 12:55 PM
5	The enthusiasm and helpfulness of the staff makes up for space needs. Upgrade the building but don't overlook the need to attract and keep dedicated and competent staff.	10/2/2014 12:49 PM
6	Small tables with chairs in each area for work, study or browsing.	10/2/2014 12:46 PM
7	Handicapped access.	10/2/2014 12:26 PM
8	Restroom quality (esp. children's) needs improvement. Snack area in children's library would be helpful. MANY people value the service to children provided by the library.	10/2/2014 10:48 AM
9	A tiny kids "safe" space would be great. A contained space for little ones to do stories, play, etc.	10/2/2014 10:42 AM
10	Great children's librarians!	10/2/2014 10:40 AM
11	Parking!	10/2/2014 9:37 AM
12	Each floor needs a bathroom.	9/30/2014 8:47 PM
13	Childrens room has great staff anf funding,but size (space) is too small.	9/30/2014 7:30 PM
14	The last few times I have been in the children's library it felt a bit tired - could perhaps use a decorative reno-brighter colours/more 'fun' - etc.	9/30/2014 1:01 PM
15	The future. Consider what it might bring and how the space that you create can be altered to accommodate that.	9/30/2014 12:44 PM
16	Thanks for working so hard!	9/30/2014 11:15 AM
17	I would suggest that the trustees consult with the board of the Friends of the Library as to how each group sees the future of the Friends and what physical space might most effectively contribute to making the Friends an even more vital part of the library community.	9/29/2014 12:08 PM
18	Add a drop box that is accessible by car or from outside the building. It is currently difficult to return books when children are with you. All children have to be removed from the car and brought into the library down or up stairs to return materials. A drop box that is available 24-7 from outside the building would be a huge improvement and help to patrons with children. Bigger parking lot that is close to the building.	9/27/2014 3:35 PM
19	I'm not sure how the overall square footage of Ilsley in relation to the number of people served stacks up in relation to other Vermont libraries, but this would bear exploring. Also, I can see that our library's physical structure makes it challenging to reallocate space within the present building envelope, yet the opportunities for creating new space are limited by the new town office building soon to be constructed.	9/26/2014 8:54 AM
20	The booksale should have permanent shelf space like at the Bixby Library so it could be open a few times each week, rather than once a month having a special, labor-intensive, sale. There needs to be a walk-up or drive-up box for returns so that one does not have to take up a parking space to go inside to return an item during open hours, or walk to the door when the library is closed. Temporarily blocking in someone else's vehicle with one's car while dropping items in a box next to the parking lot would be a vast improvement for parking needs and for library goers.	9/25/2014 10:31 PM

21	It would have been a lot better if the library board leadership had spoken out against the idea of putting the Municipal Building next door. This plan is impinging on possible future library expansion, but the library leadership did not speak out. They asked for space in the municipal building rather than pointing out that the placement was not good long term planning considering the library's needs. I realize nothing can be done about this now, but certainly, the plan has made future expansion more difficult.	9/25/2014 8:48 PM
22	I love the library, it is a classic building and is a gem. I support the library and I would never want it to move from current location.	9/25/2014 7:52 PM
23	An outdoor reading area would be lovely! Perhaps areas with tables could feel more cozy, perhaps with lamps. It's a wonderful library!	9/25/2014 6:37 PM
24	More work space, especially for the bindery.	9/25/2014 4:04 PM
25	Better/easier/Handicapped friendly access. Better interface with the new town office building where presumably IPL will share/use space for programs.	9/25/2014 2:04 PM
26	Thanks for offering such incredible services - book selection, etc. Please never change the location of the building!	9/25/2014 12:47 PM
27	More space for the children/teens	9/25/2014 11:11 AM
28	Check out the Camden, ME library - very similar structure created underground space and entrance at ground level.	9/25/2014 11:07 AM
29	Without young children, I only hear about inadequate space for children's books and programs and that should be a primary focus. I do not use the library for computer access so I don't know if those who do use them feel they are adequate. It looks crowded in there and not particularly pleasant or comfortable. The adult fiction collection seems to meet my needs but with more room perhaps there would be a much better collection. I take books home so I don't know if the comfortable seating there is enough for those who want to read/work there.	9/23/2014 3:34 PM
30	I think this survey was an opportunity for the citizens of Middlebury to voice our concerns and suggestions. I feel very fortunate to have access to Ilseley and MCTV and appreciate the commitment of the staff and Ilseley Trustees. Thanks.	9/22/2014 9:58 PM
31	More books would be my top priority.	9/22/2014 9:26 PM
32	How about a place where we could eat and drink that we might pack to come and read?	9/22/2014 8:12 PM
33	Parking is a nightmare. Should have several 10-15 minute parking spots by handicap spots. Some days there is no available parking on both levels. Or how about a drop box in the parking lot similar to drive up drop off mailboxes.	9/22/2014 7:58 PM
34	I think it would be great if there were a Starbucks in the Library.	9/22/2014 7:37 PM
35	Please keep the integrity of this great beautiful building. There is nothing better than walking into the Ilseley Library with all of its grandeur, friendly and helpful staff and quality of its shelved books and films, etc.	9/22/2014 7:18 PM
36	Constructing spaces and programs for children, including late elementary, so that the physical spaces of the library allows for social interaction, reading books aloud to younger children, and quiet reading/studying.	9/22/2014 5:56 PM
37	More PR. I don't think enough people know what the library has... other than books. A more public PR campaign to reach out to people who may not be utilizing the library could help increase the general support and re-energized love for the community resource.	9/22/2014 3:21 PM
38	Yes. The bathrooms need renovation. They often smell and are unpleasant. I understand that your charge is not related to providing restrooms for the public, but people need them. The bathrooms off the the public event room are fine, but the others are not pleasant	9/21/2014 8:01 PM
39	Quiet area completely separated from noisy areas. Windows to bring the outdoors inside	9/20/2014 9:28 PM
40	I think that the meeting room area is wasted space that could be better used towards relieving space issues in the children's room. A large events space is certainly needed, but the current meeting room is not a comfortable space-- lighting, low ceilings, and lack of windows make the space less than ideal for group events.	9/19/2014 2:11 PM
41	Friends of Ilseley could use a space where they did not hit their heads regularly on slanted ceilings.	9/18/2014 8:53 AM
42	No need for more computers. Ensure that teens use the teen center, not just the library.	9/17/2014 2:48 PM
43	Do not like the café style chairs downstairs - makes the library cold and uninviting instead of a cozy place to read.	9/17/2014 2:46 PM

44	Need more parking area for businesses, library, town offices, etc.	9/17/2014 2:43 PM
45	Consider the cost to the community and the future of media.	9/17/2014 2:41 PM
46	Area for kids to go when mom or dad is looking for books of their own.? Vending machines. More computers. Comfy seating.	9/16/2014 11:51 PM
47	There should be a separate computer usage area then place some comfortable chairs in place of them. Smaller tables, more seating with good lighting	9/16/2014 8:42 PM
48	I guess we should all mourn the decision to build the town hall next door & then get over it, though I doubt I will. Ilsley needs to put up a HUGE fight/discussion/ whatever you wish to call it, NOT to be totally hemmed in by the town hall. I am amazed at our local newspaper's recent editorial re the need for public restrooms - a bit late in the game. Of course there should be public rest rooms AND there should NOT be the expectation that function will be in the Ilsley Library (Wake up and smell the coffee Angelo!)	9/16/2014 8:09 PM
49	I use the library so much more now that it is accessible via the new bridge. I am concerned about the already very limited parking for the library and am sure that the new town municipal building is going to further deplete parking. On a rainy, cold, snowy day I am going to feel much less like parking down a hill a significant distance away to get a book. I have really enjoyed frequenting the library these past couple of years and am sad to think that access to it will be more limited. How about a parking garage?	9/16/2014 6:19 PM
50	Can you lobby for library-only parking spaces near the building? We've lost enough parking as it is. The new town plan is really going to put the squeeze on parking now. It seems unjust to have to park down near Mr. Ups just to slip into the library for a single book.	9/16/2014 10:17 AM
51	More private computer use space.	9/14/2014 4:35 PM
52	No surprise here - the parking situation is terrible.	9/12/2014 8:53 AM
53	I think that there should be some more room for the children just because alot come after school to hang out with their friends.	9/11/2014 4:00 PM
54	It seems that library staff has been innovative and circumspect in its space use. Teens need more of a 'private' hang out space near books, magazines and access to computers. In addition more private work stations would be beneficial for teens.	9/10/2014 8:40 PM
55	No. Ilsley library is a great place.	9/10/2014 9:18 AM
56	Better collaboration with the local schools would be welcome, Perhaps a new children's library/teen center/MCTV facility could be located near the schools or somehow involve the schools better. I know school leaders would be eager to collaborate on these efforts. There is so much other communities are doing to integrate libraries into the life of the community. I encourage you to look at models in other places outside of VT. I also think that our library would be better served with a regional funding stream. The surrounding towns all use Ilsley and should pay their fair share, beyond just the library card fees which are easily avoided. We should establish a regional library system in VT, like we should with our public schools. Again, other states have this model and we could learn from them. Thanks for doing this survey -- it's a good start!! I hope you continue with efforts to engage the community on this important topic.	9/10/2014 8:21 AM
57	The kid's room is well-thought out and should likely not change.	9/10/2014 8:02 AM
58	I would like to see a book return box outside that one could drive up to in order to return a book without having to drive around and around and around seeking a parking space.perhaps at the end of the lot near Ben Franklin's where there is no parking.	9/9/2014 5:18 PM
59	Better parking. Lot is often full.	9/9/2014 12:03 PM
60	Space & Technology for adults to make movies, websites.	9/9/2014 11:38 AM
61	On hot summer days, the library is often hot and stuffy. Better ventilation and air conditioning are needed.	9/9/2014 10:14 AM
62	There is very little for teens in Middlebury.	9/9/2014 10:00 AM
63	Please keep the children's library in the main building. So important for young parents to be able to access books for children and themselves in the same stop. More informal comfy space in children's area but not too much clutter. The library is an incredible resource and treasure but could use updating, energy efficiency and more natural light.	9/9/2014 9:49 AM
64	The children + youths space needs considerable expansion. Also more computers and space for them that is private and good for quiet work and study. Also more community meeting space. More parking!	9/9/2014 9:32 AM

65	More parking!	9/9/2014 9:29 AM
66	Volunteers need more space.	9/9/2014 9:28 AM
67	Collaboration with Middlebury Schools.	9/9/2014 8:47 AM
68	How will we access the library when parking is limited? Many seniors are limited but not handicapped.	9/9/2014 8:46 AM
69	Being connected to the municipal building will be great!	9/9/2014 8:38 AM
70	Safe access during the winter months.	9/9/2014 8:33 AM
71	Put the computer/tech users somewhere out of the way. All adult books and materials more together. Less crowding in the very good DVD section. No cell phone use!	9/9/2014 6:52 AM
72	Space for teens after school.	9/8/2014 8:18 PM
73	It is great as is	9/8/2014 7:34 PM
74	The library is simply too small. The adult fiction and nonfiction collections are too small for avid readers. If we had another floor to the library perhaps that would add enough room...	9/8/2014 6:14 PM
75	no	9/8/2014 4:51 PM
76	I like the "old" look and feel of the original room. I'd hate to see it modernized too much. But it is a little crowded and could certainly use expansion. So could the children's library. As I said previously I hope nothing will harm the garden. Level entrances for all the library spaces would be good.	9/8/2014 4:22 PM
77	Please know that these remarks are all about the space of the library, and NOTHING TO DO with your excellent staff and volunteers, who always are helpful and informed. I should think they too would like some better office space, but you'll have ot ask them!	9/8/2014 4:21 PM
78	Keep the Garden!!!!!!	9/8/2014 10:54 AM
79	Has anyone talked about the outdoor space. Anna's garden adds so much to the library. Is there funding to repair the damage the summer construction caused? If not donations should be requested,maybe in the next news letter contributions could asked to be given.	9/7/2014 7:43 AM
80	I think it important that the Committee holds well-publicized public meetings at convenient times about this matter. Though I consider myself well-informed, I did not know there was a committee charged with this mission, nor did I know about this survey until very recently. Since the Municipal Building debacle, I mistrust the Town's desire to inform and include the Public in its decisions. I implore you to be open and welcoming to all Library patron and Town resident views. I can't believe that your committee has not considered specific expansion plans, though these are not included here. I advise you to include these potential expansion plans in your presentations. To not do so seems secretive. word about the flower garden. I use this area for rest, reading, and simple appreciation. It is the only place downtown that is quiet and peaceful as well as lovely. I have met the gardener - a personable woman who obviously loves her work. I expect one library expansion idea includes expansion of the Library into this space, thus destroying the garden. This is an idea that I trust will never be seriously entertained.	9/6/2014 4:38 PM
81	As a 31-year-old who uses the library for a variety of purposes including reading books, attending meetings, using the computers for electronic research, and copying/printing, I have had no glaring issues with the space needs at the library. This is not to say that there aren't any, but the library as it now stands has a wonderful assortment of good qualities.	9/6/2014 11:05 AM
82	While the children's area has been under considerable discussion, I am dismayed that there has been no discussion about a collaboration between the Ilsley and Mary Hogan, which also has a well used children's library and media center. What are the opportunities? Can the community really afford two facilities that have considerable overlap in service area and are just blocks from each other. There must be creative ways that these two libraries can work together. The world of information and print is changing minute by minute. We don't really know what things will look like in 5 or 10 years, but the library can continue to play a critical role as a community space and resource center. What that resource center should look like will need considerable thought and study. Early literacy initiatives, young adult outreach, public programming will all be important. While I don't love having the children in the basement, we are way away from changing the Ilsley's footprint. Internal space changes are another matter. I think there is much work that needs be done that is way beyond the scope of this survey.	9/5/2014 2:29 PM
83	Not that I can think of.	9/4/2014 9:26 PM

84	The reality of today's small town library is not your grandmother's library ... I hope you consult with experts who design/adapt contemporary library spaces to get input beyond just townspeople who may want the library to stay just the same as it was back in the day ... or who want to add stacks for more books. I hope you can emulate the Town Hall Theater and retain the bones of what makes Ilsley a beautiful building, while aspiring to have up to date equipment. I also hope there is an effort to coordinate with the school libraries and computer labs within the community that are also supported by taxpayers so they can be used beyond the school day.	9/4/2014 3:47 PM
85	Libraries should "wow" you and you should want to go there and be inspired...the Ilsley library has lost that and it's time to bring it back. Given the kind of taxes we pay in Middlebury - the town should be able to help in some way....	9/4/2014 1:44 PM
86	A more modern and contemporary look and feel that lends itself to flexible use over time and that recognizes the important but somewhat limited use of shelving - to be clear books are very important and should have their dedicated space, but online books and journals, computers, flexible spaces are the future. Again, the book should and always will be central to the library, but what percentage of space gets eaten up by shelving should be questioned strongly.	9/4/2014 12:37 PM
87	I know that dedicated areas are important, but it is also in my mind that a library is a public building. I think it is important that spaces not be too far out of sight, because trouble brews - and not just with children or teens. Space planning in an ideal world would afford quiet and privacy, but not put an undue burden of policing on the librarians. I love my library very, very much, and love that it is a lively community hub. I could not exaggerate my gratitude for the many ways the library and MCTV have benefitted my family.	9/4/2014 11:36 AM
88	Don't jump to the conclusion that you need more space. The Town struggles to financially support the maintainance of all our buildings and to add space adds more of a burden to the tax payers. I love libraries but would really question why more space is needed.	9/4/2014 11:24 AM
89	no comment	9/4/2014 10:25 AM
90	Sorry, I don't have any good suggestions!	9/4/2014 10:13 AM
91	organization of adult section(s) is disjointed; children's section has good people and materials, but the environment feels like it was an afterthought, just shoehorned into the basement	9/4/2014 10:00 AM
92	Hi, I already took the survey but thought of a suggestion later on. Why doesn't the library put a drop-box at Mary Hogan Elementary School? I thought of this the other day when I stopped to return Ilsley materials after dropping off my daughter at Mary Hogan, and I ran into two other parents who were doing the same thing. Would be great to have a standalone box on the Mary Hogan grounds, outside the school building, where we could return Ilsley Library materials. Thanks for all the work you do at the library.	9/4/2014 9:49 AM
93	energy efficiency good value for the cost of improvements	9/4/2014 9:36 AM
94	Obviously more parking. The fact that the library is used by so many outside of Middlebury who had no say in the voting on the Town Hall location was a big oversight. This new location for the Town Hall is going to affect many more people than the town of Middlebury.	9/4/2014 9:31 AM
95	NO	9/4/2014 9:25 AM
96	The town has many dedicated meeting spaces for groups. Perhaps having an inventory of these spaces (and making the inventory and contact information available to the public) before we build more is in order.	9/4/2014 9:16 AM
97	cost the town can not afford to create or maintain more space	9/4/2014 9:12 AM
98	Lots wasted space upstairs, move quiet silent computer use upstairs more books on cd	9/2/2014 6:07 PM
99	There needs to be a drive up drop box for the return of all materials during and after hours. This would alleviate some of the parking issues as well as reducing dirt tracked into the library when it is open. People do not necessarily only return items when they plan to check out more or otherwise use the library facilities. There are places now where such a box might be placed, but on one seems interested in pursuing this. The toilets are a disgrace; they should be kept locked and inspected regularly during the day.	9/2/2014 11:56 AM
100	Expansion is quite unnecessary. Reconfiguration is probably appropriate. Adding meeting space is unnecessary. There are plenty of meeting spaces available in the Middlebury area. The library should continue to focus on information and knowledge dissemination--books, ebooks, periodicals--printed and electronic, DVDs, reference materials (although ONLY if not accessible via the internet--there is no reason to spend money on baseball card or collectibles price reference books. That's all available on the Internet.) Some meeting space is appropriate--but appropriately priced.	9/1/2014 5:59 PM
101	More room for more books.	9/1/2014 10:00 AM

102	libraries are changing and the "traditional" uses will no longer be relevant. It is a mistake to overbuild or expand and strongly suggest that reworking the current space makes more sense. Use existing space within and around Middlebury, i.e., Mary Hogan, to keep in mind taxpayers heavy burden. Be creative with the space	9/1/2014 8:19 AM
103	Accessibility	9/1/2014 7:53 AM
104	Using the collection online to search and reserve seem unnecessarily complicated and continues to be a source of frustration to me.	9/1/2014 7:53 AM
105	Better design so all spaces can be supervised and better behavior encouraged	9/1/2014 5:57 AM
106	Don't put the Town Hall on the corner... Utilize the space to expand the library.	8/31/2014 9:06 PM
107	The library will need to expand again at some point. It should have a dedicated teen space--something that should be thought of in the future. Teens are too old for the children's/ya room and too young for the adult section. It would be wonderful to integrate the teen center with the library and/or hire a dedicated teen librarian at some point in the future.	8/31/2014 7:28 PM
108	Ilsley children's section has always been a welcoming, safe, cozy area for our small family. We have been thrilled to find interesting programs and areas set aside not only for browsing but also for play, crafts and socializing. I know the section needs more growing room but part of its charm is the child like size of the space -- low ceilings, short stacks, little cubbies, high windows. My daughter thinks it's the best kind of hobbit hole, filled with books.	8/30/2014 10:15 AM
109	I've heard talk about the Library expanding into the back garden area. This would be a terrible shame and waste of a good quiet space loved by many, old and young. In my opinion, it's the best use of Library space. The town makes stupid mistakes sometimes and I fervently hope this won't be another. I would be very upset and angry if this happens.	8/29/2014 10:07 PM
110	Faster service on the DVD check out. It's cumbersome to have 1 staff serve 1 patron at a time. The wait is sometimes long when a patron has beaucoup DVDs to get slotted then checked out. Self-service at scanner would be possible if discs were already in the boxes. I understand about misuse and theft but there has to be a solution.	8/29/2014 10:18 AM
111	Parking is getting terrible...	8/29/2014 9:03 AM
112	What I responded to question #1. We cannot afford more money for new things. This town is in debt - we need to slow down or people like me will not be able to afford to live here. It is time we consider mid-income working people in our plans. Rearrange the library if needed but please do not plan projects that require more debt for the Town of Middlebury/	8/29/2014 8:23 AM
113	I wish the entrances & exits were nicer and easier to use.	8/29/2014 4:36 AM
114	The most important part of the library is the content, the books, etc., for us to take out. Although the \$\$\$ for that probably comes from a different budget, I urge you not to worry about space to the detriment of the acquisitions budget. Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Let me say here that the library and staff are doing a terrific job and I am grateful for their presence in my life.	8/28/2014 8:45 PM
115	I would like to compliment the staff at the library for using the space in such a beautiful and efficient way. The children's library is really a fun place. And the adult rooms are very elegant and comfortable.	8/28/2014 8:13 PM
116	Utilize meeting rooms in the new town hall. No need to duplicate. Don't destroy the garden out back or expand toward the front. Your gardener is excellent. The library where I grew up had a beautiful doorway and was set back about like Ilsley. They built a featureless modern addition out to the sidewalk; I'll never forgive them. So please keep the character.	8/28/2014 6:26 PM
117	Perhaps make space reservable for the day for writers.	8/28/2014 6:26 PM
118	I hope the Town will consider building a multi-level parking structure east of Ilsley and the new Town Hall, permitting Ilsley to expand into its current parking lot.	8/28/2014 5:48 PM
119	I used to love our library. Over the past 10 years it has gone from a calm, pleasant environment to one that my family and I actively avoid, which is sad because I love and believe in libraries. Please move the computers someplace where their users won't disturb people who are there to read relax or do research, and please insist on appropriate library etiquette from adult and child patrons. Thank you for listening.	8/28/2014 4:16 PM
120	Sound proof booths for skype and listening to music.	8/28/2014 1:27 PM

121	Doesn't seem to me like there is really enough space for staff to do their work. That could be improved. It would be really nice to have more functioning restrooms (they needn't be so large.) I'm really concerned about the parking issue once the new town hall is put in. I had serious problems finding a space in the lower lot on a Tuesday afternoon in late summer. Easier access from outside via a ramp rather than stairs/elevator combo would be great. It would also be nice if you didn't need to be a weight-lifter to open the front door. I think some day a kid is going to get crushed in there if it hasn't happened already.	8/28/2014 10:29 AM
122	No, but while I have your attention: it would be great if the effective closing time matched the advertised closing time. I don't mind being warned that the library closes at 6, but that should mean customers leave at 6, not 5:45.	8/28/2014 9:38 AM
123	no	8/28/2014 9:32 AM
124	The upstairs small conference rooms seem to be empty all the time. Maybe it's just my perception. If they are underutilized, perhaps some general shuffling could free up space elsewhere. The room adjacent to those rooms (where there is a couch, and where they have the books sales), also seems underutilized.	8/28/2014 9:25 AM
125	more computer for the kids would be a big deal and seems much needed	8/28/2014 9:18 AM
126	This is a really bad time to be talking about spending money on a building project!! What with all the uproar about the municipal building no one is going to have stomach for this.	8/28/2014 9:15 AM