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2. If you have visited the Spear Library in the past year, what services have you utilized? I borrowed: or I used the computer for:

Other:

1. book club central
2. buy treats, post notes
3. children's books on tape
4. Computer - kids play on it
5. dropped off info
6. Inter library loan
7. music CDs
8. no adult material
9. pass the time
10. posting informational files
11. Wireless Internet

3. Which reasons would you, or a member of your household use any library? Other:

1. books
2. book reading
3. Children's books - the whole experience to help them learn the love of books
4. coffee, local music concerts
5. explore, research, town meeting place, visiting others
6. fast internet, email
7. get out of the house - cabin fever
8. get out of the house, hang out
9. Research
10. speakers
11. special collections
12. videos/dvds for classroom (I'm a teacher)
13. Wi-Fi

4. Which libraries do you currently use on a regular basis? Other:

1. 5 colleges
2. Amherst College
3. Athol
4. Brookline library on line
5. Cambridge; Arlington
6. College libraries online
7. Easthampton
8. FL in winter
9. Greenfield
10. HCC - someone brings books to me
11. Interlibrary loan

12. Maynard
13. Munson
14. N. Amherst. & So. Amherst
15. Neilson, Smith, School Library
16. Northampton Library
17. Palmer
18. PUPA school library
19. Rutland
20. SES library
21. Smith College
22. Tilton
23. WPI

5. Other Reasons to visit Other Libraries.

Other:

1. Bathroom & parking
2. children's programs
3. CW/MARS
4. downtown often and easy to pick up
5. familiarity
6. go there every Friday for book club
7. habit
8. inter-library loan
9. It is nice to browse at the Jones
10. job location
11. just moved to Shutesbury
12. music collection
13. nice lighting, Room to sit, meeting space
14. on previous visits felt unwelcome
15. other residence in other city
16. periodical collection
17. Railroad Collection
18. weekly trips to Greenfield
19. work
20. work near by others.

6. Things that are an issue for you: Other:

1. Bathroom, parking, drinking water
2. child under 2
3. community events
4. CW/MARS
5. Fragrance issues
6. I haven't been for awhile - since my kids have grown up
7. I love this library the way it is!
8. kids grown, never go to library anymore

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9. Lack of privacy for conversation
10. Lack of space - affects everything
11. limited hours & space
12. no time
13. none- quite happy
14. size of collection, children's space
15. Small selection; long wait for inter-library loan
16. socializing
17. sometimes I don't know what happens to my requests
18. too small
19. We have adjusted to the library being closed on Fridays
20. wrong direction from the house.

7. What services and facility options would you like to see in a new library? Other

1. All of the above
2. community art
3. Community space - let us decide how to use it
4. contests for fun & \$
5. Films
6. Peace activists
7. rotating collections like art
8. socialize, town meetings
9. story hour
10. story hour outside of school hours
11. Support Groups
12. take out books
13. too much fragrance for me. Other types of classes.
14. town committee meetings
15. workshops for children like Jones; Fun
16. yoga, pilates, etc. classes

8. If you or a member of your household needed help with a research project, where is the first place you would go? Other:

1. 5 Colleges
2. A large library
3. Amherst
4. Amherst College
5. Any depending upon the project
6. college libraries
7. Family Resources

8. internet somewhere else
9. Jones
10. Leverett
11. Pelham
12. SES
13. Smith
14. UMass
15. Work

10. Do you see the library playing a role in providing better communication in the town of Shutesbury? If so, what would be the best way: Other:

School Newsletter - from Library Director to school about what's new Internet use class.

12. How important is it to you to have a library in the town center? Other: The building & quality of building is more important.

14. Are there any other issues that you would like the Library Facility Needs Assessment Committee to consider that we haven't asked about?

1. A community room should have enough wall space with track lighting so that the library can have rotating art shows from community artists. See what Pelham and Leverett have done!
2. A darling little library is just fine with us for our little town. Interlibrary loan system is the perfect way to make it as big as the whole region's collection.
3. A new library would be a wonderful town resource!
4. Although our family doesn't currently use the library, we used it on a weekly basis when our children were in preschool and elementary.
5. Any new building to take advantage of ecological and sustainable green building systems.
6. Bathroom, baby changing
7. Better - any bathroom; media center and setting up a good internet site that can be

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- reliably updated would be splendid. Programs for teens because they stop when you leave Shutesbury Elementary School and that is sad. More new space would be perfect and more new books for every genre.
8. Better hours are important.
 9. Coffee Shop. I love our library!
 10. Color printer would be very helpful
 11. Could we have a separate room available always open for internet with desks & tables for laptops since much of the town is not broadband accessible.
 12. Create more parking spaces at the library - it's dangerous crossing the road when parking at the town hall, especially with small children.
 13. CW/MARS; building more of a sense of community in Shutesbury
 14. For someone who works from home it would be great to have a library with accessible workspace with wireless.
 15. Green, solar building
 16. Happy to see work being done (access/composting toilet)
 17. Have the library open the same hours every day so that everyone can remember the hours.
 18. As a member of the town's Open Space Committee - based on questionnaires received from 183 households, there is a very strong feeling that the town needs a community center - for community exchange, library lectures classes. The lack of a "country store" reinforces this perception. Recreational and educational activities are disparate and initiated by different groups. The concept of a library/community center seems to appeal to everyone. Space to read, have a group meeting, coffee hour are activities which the town is yearning for.
 19. I am happy to see improvements being made to the present library. With Jones so convenient, I see no reason to build a new space. If we want to socialize let's fix up the basement at the Town Hall.
 20. I like meeting new people there. Multi-cultural materials.
 21. I love the building; however it would be nice to have a small addition to facilitate meetings, study place and bathrooms.
 22. I wish I went more but I never get around to it.
 23. I'd prefer expanding the existing facility rather than build a new one or at least finding a library/town use for old library. i.e. meeting/reading room.
 24. If in town center, make it traditional - like it has been there for 200 years.
 25. If the expansion involves a new building, it should fit into the Shutesbury look, i.e. not a concrete and glass box - not UMass new. Every effort should be made to create a warm and inviting space both inside and out.
 26. In Shutesbury there are not very many social out of the house opportunities. The winters are long and Amherst is far. We need a big bright Library/Community Center.
 27. Keep Spear as Annex.
 28. Larger collection of CDs and Audio tapes; a display of art & other unique projects & products. Shutesbury residents would show some evidence of diversity & tolerant of community.
 29. Librarians are great!
 30. Make library a welcoming community center that supports the town and its interests A new library is critical to Shutesbury and is long overdue! It is not a luxury, it is a necessity Thank you for the great work on this important issue.
 31. Make the outdoor environment safe for pedestrians. Make as nice as Wendell.
 32. Meeting space for salon-style discussions.
 33. More history about Shutesbury.
 34. Move closer to elementary school, top of hill too dangerous for kids & parking. Location now is horrible!

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35. Noise level. It's not a supermarket!
36. Need non-English materials. Very thorough survey.
37. Parking & street safety, Van to take shut-ins to the library, place to socialize that doesn't dominate the "air" space of the library.
38. Privacy - comments on items taken out only if patron begins discussion or asks for feedback. Thanks for all your great work.
39. Remember this is a very small town and the library is a part of this, but we are not Amherst and we must keep the costs down!
40. Sat 10-12 is a great addition to the hours.
41. Need materials on sawmill & forestry.
42. Space for groups like boy & girl scouts.
43. Taylor property would be great option.
44. Thank you for your hard work & effort. Our library is a wonderful place to see friends, find good books, movies & DVDs. You have a hard job to balance the need for ore space with limited resources.
45. The vital role public libraries fill in creating equal opportunity to learn and develop regardless of socioeconomic status.
46. There are abundant local libraries. Shutesbury tax \$ is better spent elsewhere than on a small Shutesbury library.
47. This survey appears biased towards expanding the library. I believe it is unnecessary and extravagant to reproduce libraries in every small community. Improve transit options and keep libraries a regional resource.
48. Toilet
49. Treat librarian better - fair pay for hours worked; commit to the project.
50. We kind of like the existing library. A huge new building would not have the same feel to it.
51. When are the fragrance free hours?
52. Why work with the existing building - it has few redeeming features, has a very poor location, is unsightly and will be much more expensive to work with than a new structure. Think outside the box!