

Library Building Committee Members,

Attached are three documents with summaries of the feedback we've received in November from the Space Planning Forum and other efforts. Together this represents input from more than 150 adults and children! Here's some additional info to help make sense of these documents:

The **Space Planning Booklet Feedback** is a summary of comments received in the booklets that were turned in on Nov. 10th as well as those turned in during the following week. These comments were grouped together, with very similar comments counting as an "up-vote" next to other similar comments. For example, "Meeting Spaces: Coordinate with other meeting spaces in town" was an idea that received 3 additional like comments by others. So those comments with higher numbers next to them were the most often mentioned.

The **Space Planning Poster Boards Feedback** is a summary of the comments and votes received on the poster boards during the Nov. 10th feedback forum. Participants were asked to vote on their favorite ideas by placing dots next to those ideas. For example, "Adequate meeting spaces with appropriately sized ceilings" received three dots, or votes, by participants. At the very end of this document is a useful ranked summary of all the votes.

Finally, the **Student Feedback Space Planning** is a summary of feedback received by three different groups of children that Tricia Allen, Youth Services Librarian, spoke with at their schools. This represents feedback from children in 1st through 8th grade, and provides unique insight on what children would like to see in their library, from their perspective.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this feedback! We will also be attending a school board meeting on December 5th and a high school council meeting (date to be

determined) and will pass along feedback from those groups promptly.

Very Best,¹¹₁₁Kevin

Feedback from School Children on Ilsley Library Spaces Planning

On 11/11/16, Youth Services Librarian Tricia Allen met with 27 Middlebury Union Middle School students over the course of 2 lunches to discuss the Ilsley Public Library. She presented the Aspirations and Current Challenges for the Children's Library and received the following feedback:

- Teens DO want a “space of their own” where they have their own rules, not children's room rules or adult space rules
- Don't notice lack of natural light, but corners are “dark and scary”
- Want More Chairs/Fun Chairs
- More nooks for reading (Very popular sentiment)
- Want a sitting room/reading room – QUIET (Also very popular sentiment)
- Better signage for different sections ie, elementary, middle school and high school collections
- Separate space for loud gaming/computers
- Computer set aside for quiet work
- Windows for reading
- More color
- Cozy
- Fast internet available on ALL computers
- Don't mess with the garden or parking

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- Separation of ages – space apart from “young kids”
- New/Better bathrooms – current are “gross”
- Quiet reading section/space (brought up multiple times/multiple ways)
- Separate space for computers/loud use of computers
- Classroom space with computers for teaching/learning opportunities
- Don't want to have to use adult services – uncomfortable in “their” space
- Food friendly area!
- Older-kid crafting/making space (current craft area is too young)
- Better lighting – youth area past fish tank is dark/sad
- More books/shelving
- KEEP DCF racks/new book collection (more space to pull out smaller collections)
- Get a pool table (told the students that the Teen Center has a pool table, so this is unlikely)

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November 10th Architectural Forum “booklet” feedback

Meeting Spaces:

Coordinate with other meeting spaces in town +3
Community Room a vital asset +3
Ceiling height too low +2
Higher capacity needed for some programs +1
Separate area for Friends Book Sale +1
Small, cozy places for groups to meet +1
Prioritize library needs over outside groups
Small meeting rooms inadequate, too small
More natural light
Cleaner flooring

Children’s Library:

Overcrowded +3
Better lines of sight +3
Get out of basement +3
Learning through play areas +2
Lacks quiet space/space away from computers +2
More sunlight/natural light +1
Teens need own space +1
Better shelving +1
Collaborative space for multigenerational programs
Young Adult/Teen collections scattered around building
Already an exciting space for kids

Mechanical Systems:

Bring all systems up to speed+6
Electric car charger not needed +4
Solar Panels +3
Nicer/Better Bathrooms +2
Heat Pumps +1
Better Ventilation +1
More parking +1
Perhaps we need a new building +1
More storage
Standardize/modernize lighting
Heating inconsistent

Entrances/Exterior:

More accessible/safe entrances +2
Patio/Porch to enjoy garden more +1
No place for strollers +1
Garden is a treasure
“Greenhouse” entrance from garden
Ability to install security system
Front entrance is welcoming, says “library.”
Views into/out of library not important
Beautiful building, could be made more so

Computers and Technology:

Move TV studio/tech areas to basement+2
Co-working type areas +2
Electricity near seating & tables +1
Keep technology separate from quiet areas +1
Important for those without computers at home
More privacy
Improve printing system
Flexible spaces

Books and reading:

Quiet, cozy reading spaces on all floors +3
Groups meeting interfere with quiet +1
More books
Teen/YA areas for reading
More natural light everywhere
Work with local archives/town to house materials
Moveable stacks/compact shelving
Future tech trends possibly lead to fewer books
People loiter all day
More space for DVDs needed

Overall/Other:

Extend library into back area near theater +2
Collaborate for funding with surrounding areas +1
Must decide priorities – can’t have it all