

# IMAGINE

## Your Southern Branch Library

### Community Engagement Survey Results

March 25 – April 27, 2014

TOTAL RESPONSES: 49 (as of April 28, 2014)

**1. Imagine the grand opening of the Southern Branch Library. Describe, using as many words as you'd like, how you would like to feel upon entering the library.**

Answered: 39 Skipped: 10

- Safe
- Proud that at last Southern Orange and Carrboro have a branch library after a 27 year struggle-validation of the real need of a facility to serve a catchment area of 35,000 people
- I don't get the question & why you're asking how I want to feel. I'd like the library to be well-organized (easy to find things), well-stocked, bright and clean, quiet and comfortable.
- Excited, inspired, welcome, comfortable, invigorated, engaged
- welcomed, confident of finding what i need, or getting the necessary help from library personnel to do so.
- A spacious lobby that is beautiful and bold. No clutter for collecting clothes, political or social action posts A high ceiling with soaring feeling A special place for people and books A library mural in mosaic featuring Chapel Hill and Carrboro, celebrating our part of the county. Seats for reading near large windows that look out on a garden or natural wooded area.
- Comfortable, relaxed, welcome, invited, challenged, interested, informed
- Not slick and ultra modern, like CH's new library. No automatic doors at entrance As environmentally-conscious a bldg as financially possible. Windows, windows, windows. Community bulletin boards, monitored by staff to keep current. Maybe, idea boards here and there where patrons can suggest their favorite recent reads with descriptions. (like at Caribou) DVD rentals, including lots of how-to and documentary films (more than at McDougale now) New Acquisitions shelves with just a few more categories and identified by shelf tags. Intelligent staff Bathrooms with good ventilation systems (often overlooked) Located on or near a bus line Staff persons easy to identify, maybe with a badge or similar, like at a bookstore Ample comfy armchairs Ample bike racks & parking spaces. Located near a nature trail if at all possible Art exhibitions, but in lobby or hallways, not in reading rooms Indoor plants, too labor intensive? Weekly film showings! + optional discussion after!
- Very excited and enthused that our city has a free standing library space
- I would like to feel welcome in a space designed obviously for as many sectors of the community as possible. I would like to feel a sense of opportunity and choice, hopefully due to nearby restaurants, cafés and stores (possibly in the same mixed-use building as the library?)
- The library is a \*cheerful\* place! First, while there are definitely places to read quietly and study, the library is also a place to meet friends, talk and engage in community activities. The library supports quiet activities and not-so-quiet ones in the name of education and community-building. There are print newspapers from around the world that reflect the outward-looking and diverse nature of our community, printed in a mix of languages. I can get a cup of coffee or light food/baked goods there, which I will gladly pay market prices for.
- A sense that it's friendly and that I can get whatever I am looking for.
- light, open, quiet section and kids section
- impressed by a nice facility well stocked with varied books and visual media
- Welcome Organized Clean Bright Kid-friendly
- Like to feel as though I am entering a space that is welcoming to anyone in southern Orange County--not just one demographic or the type of person you would see at (or can afford to go to) other businesses nearby in downtown Carrboro.

- Smiling faces of friendly staff. A place where print media is still as important as digital. A modern building with plenty of natural light. A place that facilitates lifelong learning with access to DIY equipment and free classes on subjects from crafting to tech. Plenty of face out display so you can see the books. A children's area that is far enough away from the adult section that kids can be noisier.
- Warm, welcoming, homey, intimate, innovative, light, simple, spacious, grounded, quiet, peaceful, inspiring, harmonious, hub (nucleus) of community
- I would like to feel welcomed, comfortable and confident that I can find the book I am looking for.
- Welcomed; Comfortable; Known by the librarians; Good lighting; Quiet; Calm; Easy to find areas; Used (by the citizens); Variety of mediums; Not so much technology; Simple & working technology; Presence of variety of people  
open, want to see the librarian, not a bunch of self-checkout counters as the first thing.
- Enchanted, wowed, awesome layout. want to stay and read or browse for hours
- Welcome, excited, full of possibilities, open, safe
- I'd like to feel welcomed by well-lit spaces with natural light, natural materials (wood, brick, natural fabrics and colorful textures). I would like to have open spaces but not ones that are overwhelmingly open, cold, and sterile. There need to be cozy spaces with comfortable chairs that invite lingering with a book or magazine. There need to be shelves that can be browsed, with some items on display to stimulate exploration. The children's area needs to be colorful, but not messy or cluttered. There need to be chairs and tables meant for little people to sit at but that can accommodate parents, as well. The shelves need to be no higher than shoulder high (or lower) so that they can be seen over. There needs to be a separate technology area for computers and meeting rooms, preferably with windows with access to the outside light, and access to a catering kitchen. The service desks need to provide in-person contact by a librarian or library assistant who actively interacts with the patrons and doesn't spend his or her time staring at a computer, which prohibits communication and a feeling of being welcomed for the patrons.
- I'm not convinced. It seems like a waste of money, since the Chapel Hill library is brand new, easily accessible, and in close proximity.
- Happy that there is a branch closer to my home.
- A sense of space and light.
- Fresh, clean, natural light, welcoming, full of happy people of all ages and diverse heritage, open yet with comfy quiet nooks, colorful highlights on a neutral base
- I'd like to see something open and bright, with inviting spaces to sit and read or chat or study and private meeting spaces. Books that are in easily accessible shelves and lots of computers and places to connect personal devices.
- I hope it is warmer than the cold cavern monstrosity that is now the chapel hill library.
- Happy to have another choice close to home. Like a place you could relax in. Light and airy.
- Open and welcoming
- If it looks like the cavern that is now the cold Chapel Hill library- not good
- It is great to finally have a our own "real" library in this populated part of Orange County.
- That is reflects the welcoming feeling of Carrboro where all citizens feel that this is their library - with natural lighting, an openness and friendly staff who are glad to see you.
- Excited, light, so many books! Not just new ones.
- Gratified!
- I would like to feel like this is a place where everyone belongs: rich, poor, young, old, educated and less educated, people of all races. People who NEED the library, and people who just enjoy it. I would like an open feeling, but with private meeting rooms for tutoring. Art shows on the walls.
- Spacious, lots of natural light (but books are protected from light), architecture tied into land/character of downtown Carrboro, integration with outdoors, clean, orderly, some clearly defined areas and also some flexible space.

**2. Now, distill the words you used to describe entering the new library to just ONE word.**

*Answered: 39 Skipped: 10*

- Wonderful!

- Convenient
- Engaged
- Accessibility
- Beautiful
- Satisfied
- Community
- Home-y
- Wonder
- Diverse
- Inviting!
- Accommodating
- Kid-friendly
- Books
- Welcoming
- Diversity
- Welcoming
- Innovative
- Comfortable
- Familiar
- Welcomed
- Comfortable
- Welcome
- Welcoming
- Wasteful
- Happy
- Light
- Welcoming
- Comfortable
- Intimate
- Relaxing
- Quiet
- No good
- Finally
- Welcoming
- Possibility
- Gratified!
- Equal
- Welcoming

**3. Think about how you'd like the Southern Branch Library to look. Would you like to see the following types of spaces in the Southern Branch Library?**

Answered: 48 Skipped: 1

- ***Gathering spaces for various sizes of groups:***  
Yes - 38 (80.85%)      No - 9 (19.15%)
- ***Dedicated technology spaces:***  
Yes - 41 (87.23%)      No - 6 (12.77%)
- ***Spaces with daylight/outside views:***  
Yes - 45(93.75%)      No - 3 (6.25%)

- **Enclosed/private spaces:**  
Yes - 36 (81.82%)      No - 8 (18.18%)

**4. Please share any ideas you have for other types of spaces you'd like to see in the Southern Branch Library.**

Answered: 34 Skipped: 15

- A designated art gallery space. For 18 years the CBL has involved the community in over 150 award winning exhibitions through its art space. It brings people into the library many of whom are not patrons but eventually become patrons after visiting the space. It also educates the local community about local cultures and mind sets and fosters inclusivity, tolerance and understanding
- I like the art displays at the library. It would be nice to continue this.
- Collaborative maker-space, childrens creation station, storytelling nook, coffee bistro
- Outdoor seating (w wifi)
- exhibit spaces/areas
- Children's library with seating area for reading to kids, and artists mural in mosaics Wall space for local artists rotating exhibits on the main floor, preferably near the entrance. With cases for 3D work. Painting and ceramics are the most popular arts/crafts produced in NC. We are #1 in the USA for ceramics.
- There are a ton of meeting spaces at the CHPL, but fairly few for chatting when you run into a neighbor - I'd like to see a social sort of space. I sort of lament the loss of the "check-out line" area - I had so many great conversations there before the renovation
- Dedicated area for kids that is safe for them to explore (i.e. somewhat closed off, but accessible) and easy to navigate - no choking hazards or cords. Comfortable kid-sized chairs for reading.
- A meeting room, like at OWASA, available for a reasonable fee. It would be really great to have one room with coffee and tea, juice vending machines which we would be restricted to enjoying only in that room. Desirable: a door from that room leading to an outdoor seating area! how fabulous that would be. Mini-seating area for childrens' activities such as at McDougale
- Dedicated children's area including storytime area and a lounging space w/pillows and structures.
- Children's reading section with small tables, rocking chairs, a family restroom
- The library should acknowledge the role of technology in our world while not exalting it- for example, I should be able to find an e-reader to access certain types of books, or use a computer for web research or online card catalog, but my children should not be able to find video game consoles which we have worked hard to keep from our home to emphasize reading and imaginative play.
- I think it's important, for sustainability, to have some sort of for-profit activity. Ideas include a coffee bar, summer technology camp, classes in library-related activities like data mining, writing and criticism, and after-hour space rental for the gatherings.
- A kids area is a must. Bright fun...easy to clean.
- A reading area with natural light A safe kids area/keep them in and other adults out
- I think the Chapel Hill library spent way too much money on creating lots of stack space in a beautiful environment. If we put more money/emphasis on the digital collection and forecast how that will look in the future, I think the stack space can be significantly reduced and/or designed for future re-purposing.
- I think space for individual study is important, because quiet study space without the requirement to purchase coffee is something that Carrboro doesn't have, while group meeting space is provided at the Century Center, churches, private homes, etc.
- Children's story room/auditorium possibly shared with the arts center for children's events and even Cat's Cradle for kid's music. Something fun in the children's room that represents Carrboro/Orange county: maybe woodland theme, mill building, railroad/locomotive reading nook would be awesome!
- A wonderful Children's space with mini stage for music, storytelling, etc. A special 'topics'/'events space to display materials A gallery area A separate room for meetings (Friends, board, community, etc)
- Magazine/periodical area doesn't need to be enclosed in own special room; comfortable chairs to sit in library & read; I like an open library (not alot of small rooms closed off); children's book area that is inviting & comfortable to lounge to read
- Parking

- Kids' area
- Dedicated room for youth and separate space for young children.
- Comfortable spaces to sit and read/explore with kids
- See number 1, above.
- Spaces with comfortable chairs and end tables, looking out at some trees/green plantings, outside scenery/views. Copy machines in recesses.
- Can't think of others
- No high ceilings which give a Cold feel. No massive entry with tons of wasted space. No endless corridors with multiple locked doors.
- It should be a space that people who would like to read or write or browse can do so without distraction. In other words, it should offer the quiet and contemplative atmosphere of a library. Any meeting/discussion spaces should be separated visually and sound wise.
- This is unnecessary and too costly for our tax payers
- Art display like we currently have, meeting rooms, including a working space for possible art activities, and possible small café where people can get coffee and tea and simply food and gather there for conversation and reading.
- A comfy place for children to sit and read.
- Genealogy center, history center.
- Children's area

**5. What are the benefits you see to locating the Southern Branch Library in the 300 East Main Street development in downtown Carrboro?**

*Answered: 44 Skipped: 5*

- None. Waste of money in that it is 3 miles to Chapel Hill Public.
- Centrality, accessible, part of a bigger arts,culture complex, close to many low income areas, on public transport lines near food establishments, near the ArtsCenter
- Centrally located
- Accessibility
- Easy access, parking, part of already vibrant downtown, easier to collaborate w local businesses/services/events
- Accessibility to transit, sidewalks, trails, etc. Connections to the community.
- easy access to public transportation
- Central business area so people can WALK from Carr Mill Mall area and other businesses. Parking In a cluster area with Artscenter
- central location, access to 54
- Oh. Is that what you're thinking about? Sure, though it would most likely end up being a sterile environment. Nevertheless, better there than none at all.
- Access to multiple communities, and great use of space
- Primarily two: 1) Easy access for EVERYONE using the entire spectrum of transport (foot, bike, car, bus, etc.) and 2) Proximity to local businesses to increase traffic for everyone.
- Accessibility to the most people, visibility, pedestrian- and bicyclist-friendly, in a vibrant area near restaurants. Also: there's the new parking deck there.
- There are so many benefits to this location! Lots of children and adults will be able to walk there. The three bus lines going by the front door provide lots of access, and the parking deck was not even full during the Carrboro Music Festival last year- those who must drive to the library will have no trouble finding a space. For high school students with lots of work, it will be nice for them to work for a few hours, go outside and get pizza at Amante, then return for projects on Saturday or Sunday afternoons.
- Parking, walkability, on bus line, central location
- Walkable for so many people
- Best to walk around carrboro, part of a varied experience afforded by small town.

- Walkable! If you don't drive, it can be difficult/impossible to get the kids to the library on the weekend (no bus on Sunday).
- Great site all around
- Walkability is great (and something the Chapel Hill Library lacks) and so is bikeability, but busability is key and the best feature of this location--being right on the J line will be wonderful as that is already heavily traveled and has frequent stops throughout the day. This is the great virtue of this location over placing it in a more residential neighborhood, which would make it highly accessible for some but not for all.
- Central location, easy walkability for residents near downtown Carrboro. Lots of Parking in the new garage.
- As Carrboro grows it needs a hub which is available year- round (other than Weaver St. Market). I would like to see our new library serve this purpose.
- More walkers could use the library potentially.
- This area of downtown Carrboro currently has various parking close by. Want library to be in a location that is easily accessible by bike, walk, bus & this location definitely meets that criteria. Close to other town shops & services so that someone could go to the Library while waiting to get the car fixed or waiting for someone before going to dinner--this location is in the middle of things which says "This is an important entity in our town". Close to areas of town where different types of people live and could access library more easily
- Convenient when doing other things
- Visibility, parking deck
- Central location. Locals and visitors to Carrboro may use library. Accessible to bus lines and bike. Can shop and go to library.
- Walking distance to other things to do, other errands to take care of, places to eat
- I don't know enough about the 300 E. Main St. development.
- Minimal benefits.
- Convenience, closer to my home, saving time and gas to use the library.
- Walkable.
- Good access for bikers and walkers
- Close to downtown Carrboro and Chapel Hill, easy to get to walking or biking, on bus line, plenty of parking space,
- None. In fact will be detrimental to public use in that area.
- Walkable, close to many businesses/amenities, and part of a cultural destination
- Hopefully it would come with plenty of low cost parking. Certainly it would encourage doing multiple things like shopping with one drive/one park.
- Negatives more than positives. We have a perfectly adequate library only three miles away from Carrboro. Carrboro has the highest taxes in the state. Not only cost to build this un needed library but costs to run it will hike our taxes for sure. We have an adequate branch library in McDougal School and they can order any book/video you want from all other libraries in the area. The desire for a new southern Orange library is selfish, short sighted and uncaring of households with limited means in Carrboro. Do we want to drive out the diversity that makes Carrboro great with higher taxes- the way Chapel Hill has? No a thousand times no.
- Central location, walkable, free parking in the deck.
- In the heart of town/downtown, close to diverse neighborhoods, parking, bus, can walk there, can combine with other activities/shopping. Help develop the downtown area and have it thrive.
- Central location. It will bring business to downtown Carrboro.
- Convenience, cost effectiveness
- Accessible parking for those who come from rural areas, families with your children, seniors and the disabled. walkable/bike-able for many Carrboro residents and Chapel Hill residents, especially low income areas. benefits Carrboro and the County by making 300 E. Main a real destination for people. The library will be good for the businesses located there, as well as the the Arts Center, etc. Lease option is a great financial benefit to the county - more funding can go into materials and services.
- On three bus lines. Close to Weaver Street and the Century Center (other community areas). New parking deck at 300 E. Main. Walkable from UNC. Center of Carrboro makes a statement about the priority of the library in Carrboro/Orange.Co. It would be visible and on people's minds as a place to go.

**6. What are the challenges you see to locating the Southern Branch Library in the 300 East Main Street development in downtown Carrboro?**

Answered: 43 Skipped: 6

- Traffic and parking.
- Visibility to all, accessibility and parking. Parking must be free otherwise it would not be a public accessible facility, natural daylight given that the designated facility will be on the ground floor-architects will have to be creative in incorporating light funnels into their designs The Library must be of an adequate size to meet the needs of its 35,00 potential patrons in its designated catchment area. Otherwise all good.
- Parking and/or difficulty getting in/out. The library MUST have free parking. I'm hoping there will be a traffic light there soon. I hate going to the Arts Center, Hampton Inn shops, etc. because it's such a hassle turning left back onto Main St. Maybe high real estate cost?
- Size, too close to CHPL
- None
- adequate free parking
- Not enough parking.
- Congestion: that block is the scariest place in all of downtown to leave the parking area already. My 12yo son, who volunteers at the Recyclery, bikes to school, downtown, the Branch library, etc. finds the traffic there intimidating. Limited Parking, lack of casual outdoor space
- Sterile. Commercial. Would so much prefer in a natural surrounding
- I can't think of any.
- It's probably a little small, but we don't need another Chapel Hill Public Library.
- I don't see any- I love this location.
- the cost of the space might be higher but it would be worth it
- none
- increased traffic
- It's a busy area-parking could be a challenge. Limited/no room to expand?
- Nothing Significant
- Parking for those who wish to drive--whatever agreements the town has with the folks who own the new parking deck, as well as plans for town-owned lots, should be renewed with library users in mind. The highly visible WSM lawn hanging demographic of Carrboro (no insult--I am them) already have plenty of spaces for us. The new library should work to remain a place like the Cybrary that caters to others who have real needs--while being more visible than the Cybrary to attract new people.
- The Rosemary/Main intersection is already a mess at busy times of the day...would need a traffic pattern change.
- Competing goals and ideas from different folks, businesses, developers, etc.
- I am very concerned about the parking and traffic already associated with this space. I would definitely use the library less if it is moved to this location.
- If many people continue to drive to downtown Carrboro, the traffic flow in & out of the library area will need to be thought through more carefully (such as roundabouts, other means of managing traffic to keep it moving AND safe for pedestrians & bicyclists). Need to think through the size of the library in this stage so that enlarging it doesn't become an issue in 5 years.
- Noise, congestion
- Traffic and parking. Remember not everyone has access to car or lives close enough to downtown to walk or bike.
- My biggest concern is about whether we will lose access to the Chapel Hill library through this project. It sounds lovely to have a library in downtown Carrboro, but we can't hope to match CH's collection, and it has been an amazing resource to have access to that.
- Close proximity to Chapel Hill library.
- Parking
- Parking without adding more asphalt?? Will the space be large enough to house enough materials on-site to be helpful?
- Visibility, intelligent design with the constraints of the site.
- Parking
- Perhaps some people would be hesitant to park in the parking deck at night, but not me!

- Parking, congestion and traffic. Are you out of your minds? There is a full service and very costly library not three miles away from this site. If this is truly to be a library for southern Orange County, then put it in the county at the southern end.
- Downtown Carrboro is an urban heat island and location/source of noise, air, and water pollution and imbalance between grey infrastructure and green infrastructure. Without considerable effort for green building and green site design features, the library will add to the ecological desert of downtown rather than create a more vibrant and greener space. Melding into the landscape and creating beauty in a neglected landscape will also be a challenge.
- Ensuring enough parking. Making it feel welcoming to all residents, not commercial. Distance to carry heavy loads of books from parking to library (perhaps could be addressed with a remote book drop near parking lot)
- PARKING!!!!
- Traffic, cost and duplication of services already supplied in grand splendor only three miles away. Most citizens don't want this.
- Ambience isn't great
- Visibility and sufficient signage so people know where it is and know where parking is, and that parking be free.
- Parking, parking, parking. Already congested traffic at rush hours.
- Parking
- Overcoming concerns of county residents about entering into Carrboro/Chapel Hill traffic congestion.
- Visibility. need to have a lot of creative signage. limits expansion in the future.
- Possibly parking in-/out-flow. Limited space for building?

## 7. What activities and services need to be offered in the Southern Branch Library?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 9

- Social Services for the Homeless
- in addition to providing the usual diet of books, ebooks, DVD's and technology, activities should include tutoring and literacy classes in rooms of different sizes, public meetings in a larger public meeting room, children's activities-stories (reading and art) computer classes, computer numeracy classes-spread sheets etc. book groups, used book store space, local historical/Friends archive storage space, newspaper reading area with maybe a small cafe-(Weaver Street Market?-) books in Karen-we need to develop our Karen collection-bilingual books-projects are afoot) Spanish Language and Mandarin books, Large print books for seniors, maybe involve some senior volunteers in story time, a teen section with appropriate art and decorations on the walls-in addition to the designated art gallery space I would like to see a lot of imagery in the decoration of this library-multicultural murals etc--incorporation of Carrboro's past as a mill town etc
- Current are good.
- Children and teen programming, maker clubs, book clubs, author events, craft classes, financial literacy classes, teacher outreach events, school-library partnership programs
- Storytime, public computers
- lectures, book clubs, educational classes-- like with current free computer classes, which are terrific
- Art book collection that local art enthusiasts can add to during and after their life time. Collection of Art that can be rented for short periods of time, one month, for a reasonable fee. Reading programs for children. Encourage reading first before technology. Programs for seniors- book club etc during day time hours. Area for students to do home work during the week and on weekends.
- Children's services, audio/visual media, books, technology, research.
- Kid's story time for at least two age groups - under 3 and 3+. Offered on at least two days a week (i.e. available for working parents on the weekend).
- Photocopy machines and scanners. Access to good coffee. Some sort of affiliation with our local bookstores.
- Technology usage classes, electronic book rental for adults, paper books for children.
- Lots of children's activities and internet stations. Job-finding and community-outreach services, the latter geared especially toward Latino and other immigrant populations (possibly coordinating with a non-profit such as The Human Rights Center).

- Children's stories, scanners, DVD rental, bike parking, be well lit (for safety for single women and moms and children and elderly), metal detector
- Lending of books/materials. Research tools/computers. Small group working spaces.
- books for lending and reference, wifi, computers, Spanish speaking staff, youth programming, elder programming
- story-time, weekly kids activities, young readers book club
- principally loaning books and media. Lets focus and not diverge too much from that
- Kids books
- Everything that is currently at the Cybrary and CBL, of course. Perhaps with more space and personnel the SBL can offer more variety of adult services or programming than is currently available at the two Carrboro locations. Main in Hillsborough should probably be a model. I think the key is to maintain a space that is welcoming to folks who currently come to the Cybrary, with the ability to expand what the number of such people you can serve and the services you can offer them.
- Book discussion of multiple genres, including SF and Graphic novels. Diverse programs for children and families. College prep and job skills programs. Books that represent the diversity of Carrboro. ie books featuring multi-ethnicities. Excellent customer service from employees that read AND actually like the public.
- Children's, YA, Reference, Computers, Technology, Seniors, Book clubs, Art clubs, Community outreach, tutoring, After school programs, Movie nights, Readings, Poetry and/or writing groups, Summer programming
- Limited meeting space; regular book discussions; DVD; books-on-tape; large-print books; reference books & services; some computers for internet searches; librarians who love people (like the Carrboro librarians currently do); limited free printing of some forms (e.g., tax); storytelling for children
- Love the idea of tech classes, wish more and better quality ebooks were available. range of oldest to newest tech. I have materials at home I can't view, cause I don't have a viewer
- Book clubs for all ages. maybe movies, lectures, classes on technology and how to access books using technology. Technology for the disabled
- Collaborations with other groups, programs, institutions in our area. The ability to request books from other libraries. Computer and Internet access. Librarian reference service and recommendations. Story times. Programs to bring people together.
- Movies (for children and adults), craft classes, lectures, book clubs, exhibits. demonstrations, book sales, children's story times, teen club (media and books, music), music performances
- Work with Chapel Hill's Public Library and complement their offerings.
- For me, mainly loaning books, audio books; providing Consumer reports. Outside/drive through book return.
- Aside from the usual, public meeting rooms, art space. a room for concerts or presentations.
- Reference librarian
- Activities for children, instruction on topics of interest to users, e.g. how to find health information, do resumes.
- Checking out books. Journals/newspapers. Locally relevant collection. Interlibrary loan. Online services. Meeting space
- Variety of books - could you do some sort of rotation among branches for the general reading stuff?
- None since it should not be built
- In addition to usual books, CDs and DVDs, Lots of computers to lift the burden from the Cybrary, children's programs, public meetings
- Books, DVDs, computers, book group, classes, mtg space for groups like the Literacy Council, teen and children space, and wonderful staff/librarians. And access to e-books. Community room for programs.
- Lots of activities for kids. Resources for the large contingent of home schoolers.
- Extensive holdings of fiction, non fiction & periodicals. Sufficient computer access and support for those without such access at home.
- Books, e-books, computer and internet access, public and private meeting spaces. Children's, teen and adult programming. Art shows.
- Children's reading circles and other early literacy initiatives, book clubs, space for tutoring or adult literacy programs, community info area

## 8. What activities and services would be exciting to have in the Southern Branch Library?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 13

- Teen related issue meetings and art making, UNC student discussion groups, partnering children's groups with UNC students and seniors, cooking classes-learning from each other's cultures, We need a proper functioning kitchen which could also be used for events-maybe revenue generating? Literacy Council teaching both ESL and other combinations, music appreciation in association with the ArtsCenter, play reading in association with the ArtsCenter, Spanish language play reading?, lectures on local history etc,
- Author readings.
- See above
- Above. Please don't waste money on a "maker space" - that should be at the main branch
- performances, special celebrations of historic and current events, contests, games
- same
- Other kid-focused activities - singing along with books or music hour. Social events for kids and adults. Community support groups for adults (i.e. stay-at-home mom's group, working-mom's group). Educational programs for parents - ways to engage their kids in reading.
- Weekly or semi-monthly film screenings + optional after discussions!
- Story time for children, comfortable place for reading
- Maybe a space for local non-profits to present their services in order to inform the community .
- Lots of libraries now have playgrounds attached to them. That would be great for young families.
- Print newspapers from the last 3-7 days, locally and internationally. Maybe keep the N&O, New York Times, Washington Post, and Financial Times (the best overseas English-language paper) and have 3-5 international papers in home country languages (i.e. Le Monde, Il Gazzettino, Latin American dailies).
- coffee bar, summer technology camp, classes in library-related activities like data mining, writing and criticism
- book readings get authors to visit some art exhibits
- Play area, nursing area, self checkout
- Engagement with and presence in the community would be nice--like having a tent or whatever at various outdoor community gatherings. However, the location will already provide more visibility than the OCPL has now in Carrboro. I think making the location itself visible and accessible--through signage, though a welcoming entryway and natural light, through coordinating with folks who can influence the parking situation--will do a lot of marketing by itself.
- Makerspace! Puppet theater! Outdoor atrium/reading area. Drive thru bookdrop/holds pickup.
- Local authors reading & signings, Summer programs, Movie night, Art film screenings, Art shows, a place to hold concerts for local youth to perform,
- Film & follow-up discussions; authors; used books for sale; activities that would bring in high school students and people who don't often use the library (like my husband) :)
- Like the idea of bookclub -of course children's activities
- Reading programs for day cares to utilize. Special programs for school kids
- Family movie afternoon. Workshops on special topics.
- See above.
- See number 7.
- Librarian assistance help. Computer access to the public for searches, online searches.
- Concerts, art opening, book sales.
- Volunteer readers for children and for the vision challenged
- Ask people what they want and use local talent and resources to give talks and programs. Have contests of various types.
- It would be fantastic to create some kind of cooperative arrangement with UNC library system, e.g., for interlibrary loan, courier service to save residents the difficulty with parking on campus
- Instrumental music
- Same as above
- Possible cafe would be nice. Library film night - once a month or week; film and discussion.
- Art displays. Technology classes.
- Continue art shows and other community outreach activities. Include science and art exhibits from area schools.

- All of the above :)
- Technology workshops (e.g.: how to download and use e-books, how to use software like SketchUp, Photoshop, etc.), deliver of items to homebound people in a certain radius, summer reading program for kids, gallery/artwork, afterschool programs for kids.