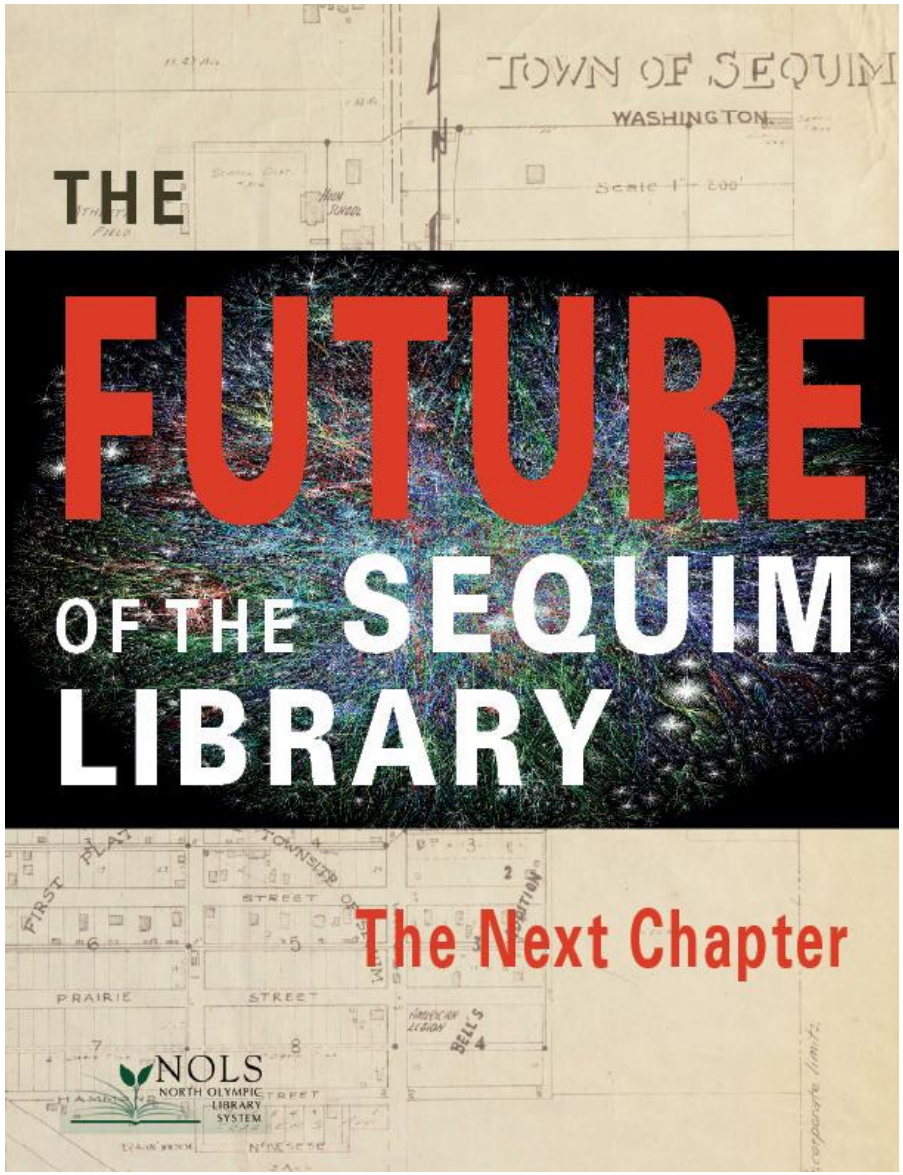

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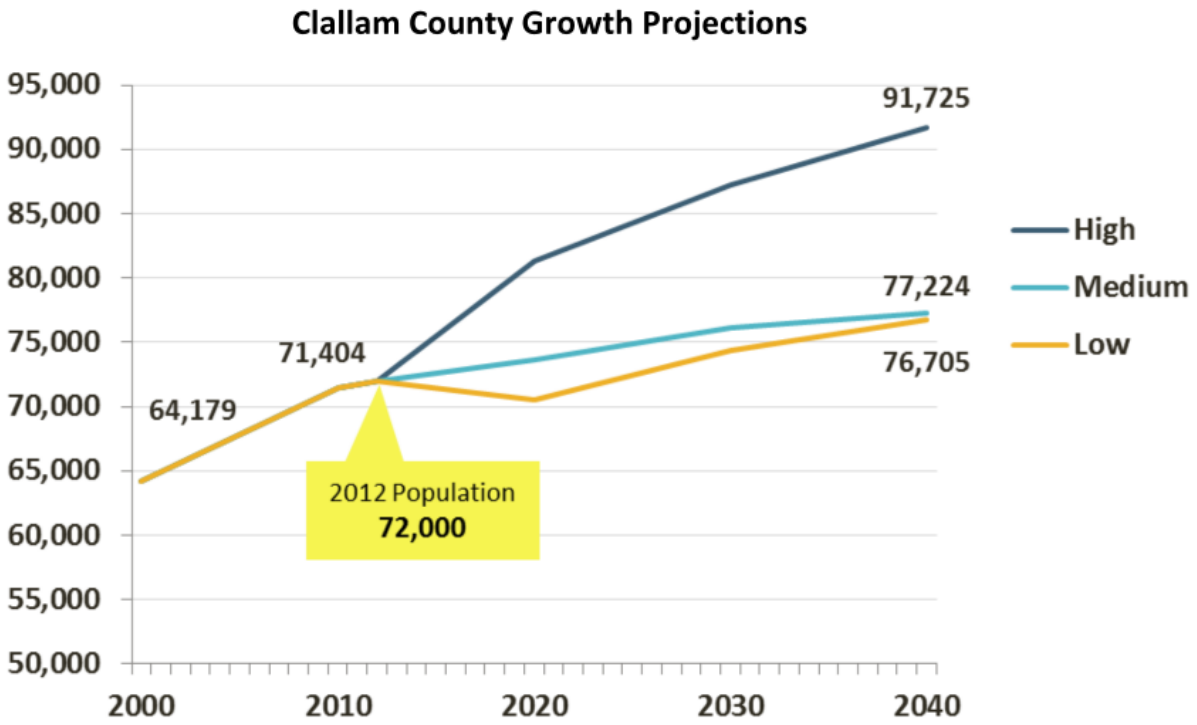
Population Analysis

Clallam County



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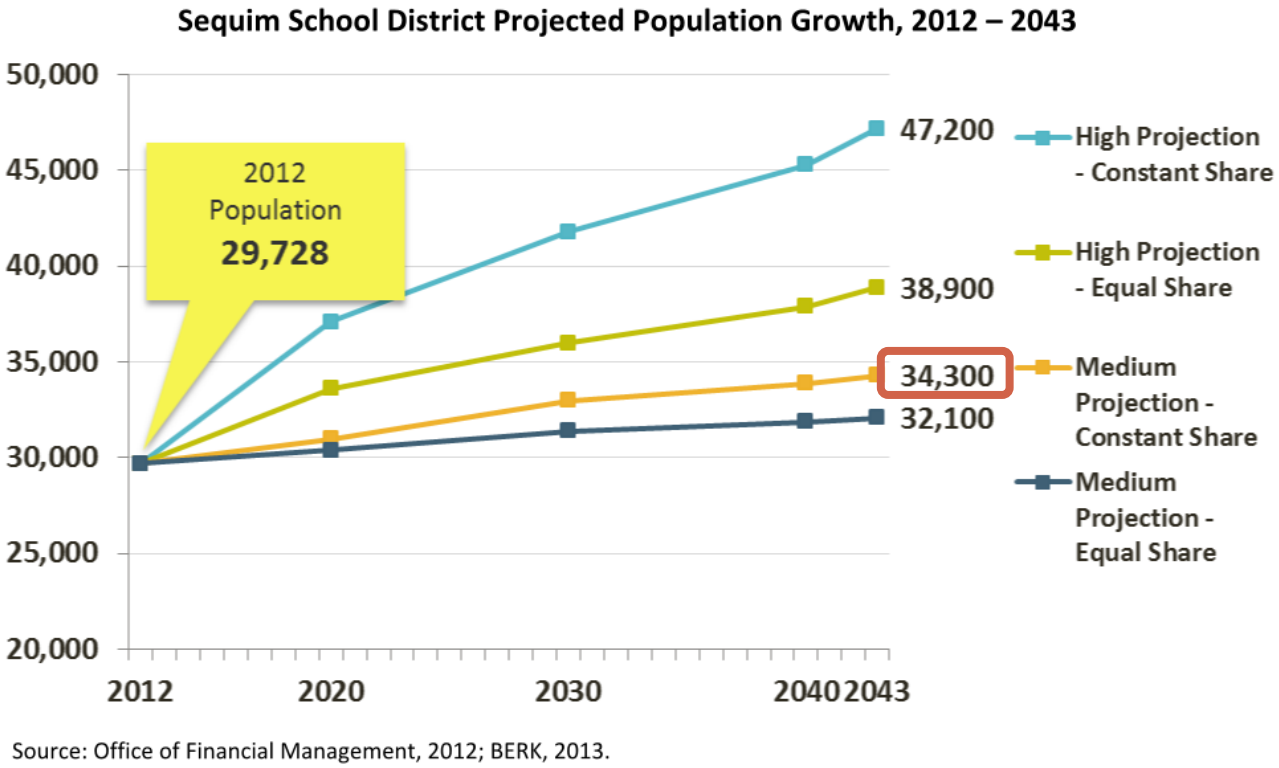
Population Analysis

Sequim School District Boundary

- To form a Library Capital Facilities Area (LCFA) for a potential bond issue, the Sequim School District boundaries could be used to define the Sequim Branch Library's service area.

Population Analysis



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Population Analysis

Sequim School District Population Estimates and Projections, 2000 – 2043

Projection	2012	2020	2030	2040	2043
High Projection - Constant Share	29,700	37,100	41,800	45,300	47,200
High Projection - Equal Share	29,700	33,600	36,000	37,900	38,900
Medium Projection - Constant Share	29,700	31,000	33,000	33,900	34,300
Medium Projection - Equal Share	29,700	30,400	31,400	31,900	32,100

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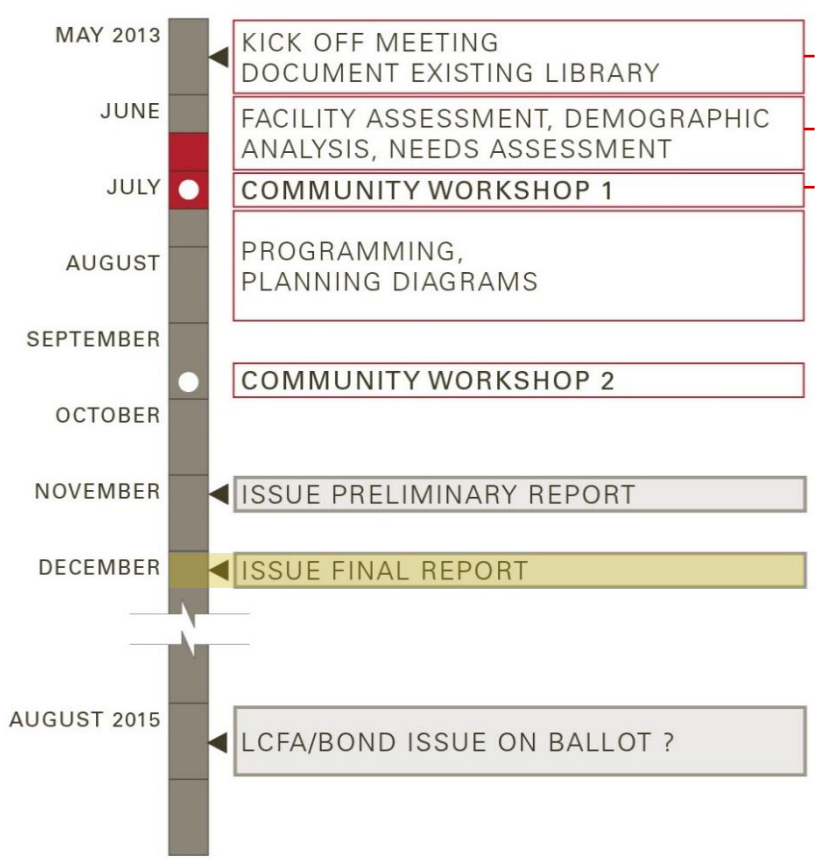
Community Input



Role of a Library

6. A library serves many roles in a community. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
A library enhances the quality of life in a community.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
A library supports the health of our democracy.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
A library supports education and learning in a community.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
A library supports the economic well-being and workforce development of a community.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
A library contributes to the preservation of the heritage and cultures of a community.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
A library is a source of civic pride.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
A library is an indication of a healthy, vibrant community.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Community Input

NOLS/Community Stakeholder Meeting
May 2013

Attendees

• Jim McEntire	Clallam County Commissioner
• D.J. Bassett	Sequim Museum and Arts Center
• Renee Mizar	Sequim Museum and Arts Center
• Siri Hiltz	Jamestown Tribal Library
• Leanne Jenkins	Jamestown Tribal Planning Director
• Marilyn Parkinson	FOSL Board Member
• Jean Falconer	FOSL Member
• Lucy Carey	FOSL Member
• Nina Pitts	Peninsula College
• Phil Castell	Sequim Chamber Board Member
• Shelli Robb-Kahler	Sequim Chamber of Commerce
• Kelly Shea	Sequim School District Superintendent
• Craig Ritchie	City Attorney, City of Sequim
• Laura Dubois	Councilmember, City of Sequim
• Jim Roberts	former NOLS Board Member
• Elaine Fredrickson	NOLS Board Member
• Betty Gordon	NOLS Board Member
• Paula Barnes	NOLS Director
• Margaret Jakubcin	NOLS Assistant Director
• CJ Wolfer	NOLS Administrative Services Manager
• Brian Phillips	NOLS Facilities Manger
• Kevin Kane	SHKS Architects
• Katey Ricker	SHKS Architects
• Dawn Couch	BERK

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Community Visioning Meeting
July 2013

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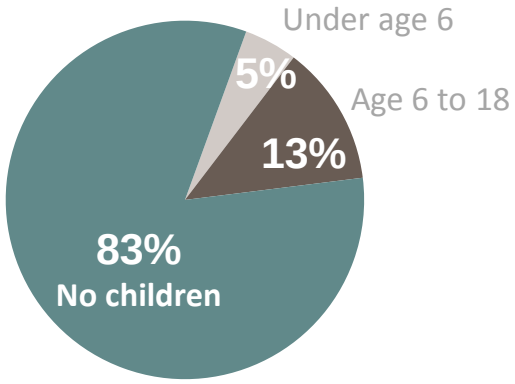
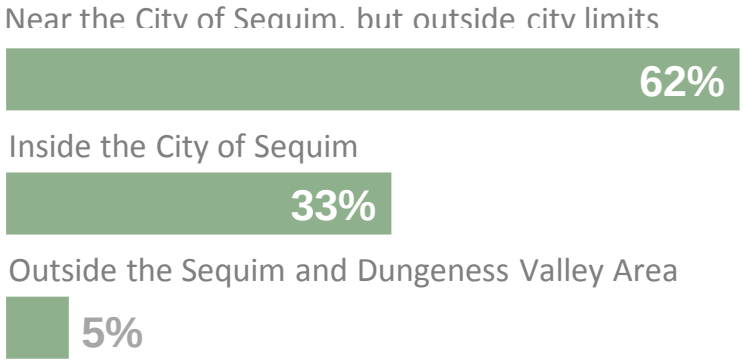
Sequim Library Visioning Survey
June-July 2013

339 people responded to the survey

- Most have no children living in the home



- **98%** are voters
- median age is **64** years
- Most live outside of Sequim City limits



316 used the Sequim library in the past year

- More than half (57%) use the library at least weekly

23 have not

- A few (6) have used the Port Angeles branch, but most have not used a library at all
  - No need, no time, and can't get there (I person).

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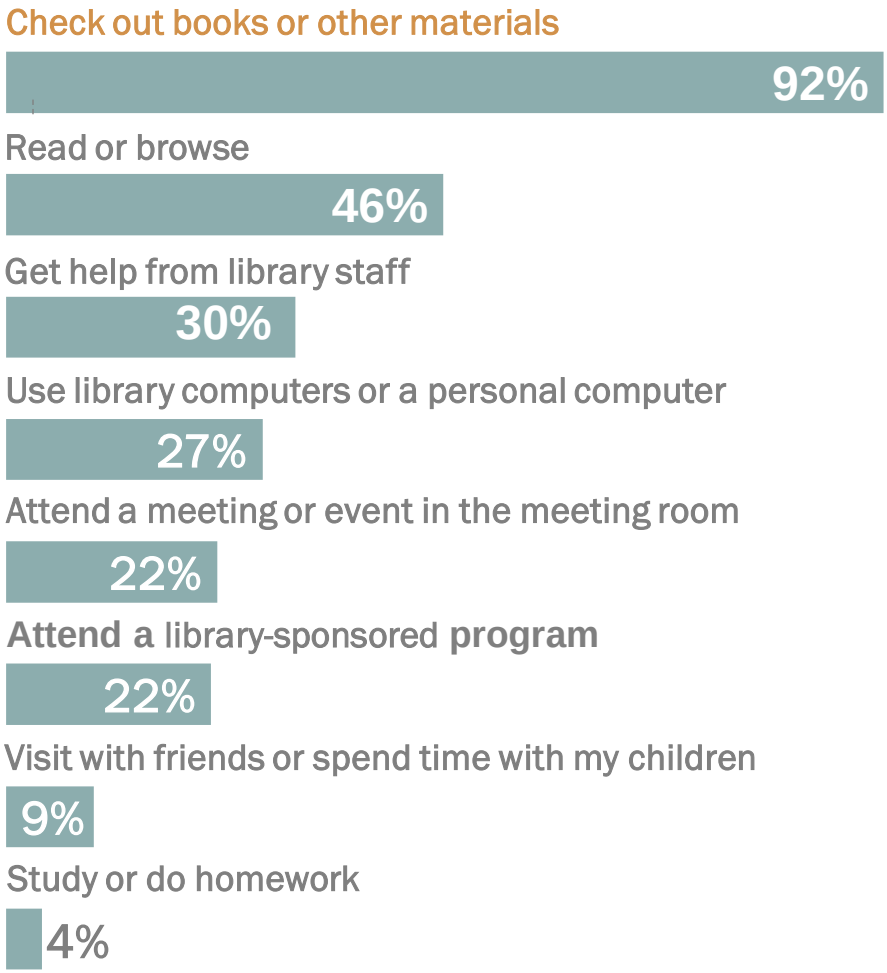
What did we hear?

The most common library use is checking out books or other materials.

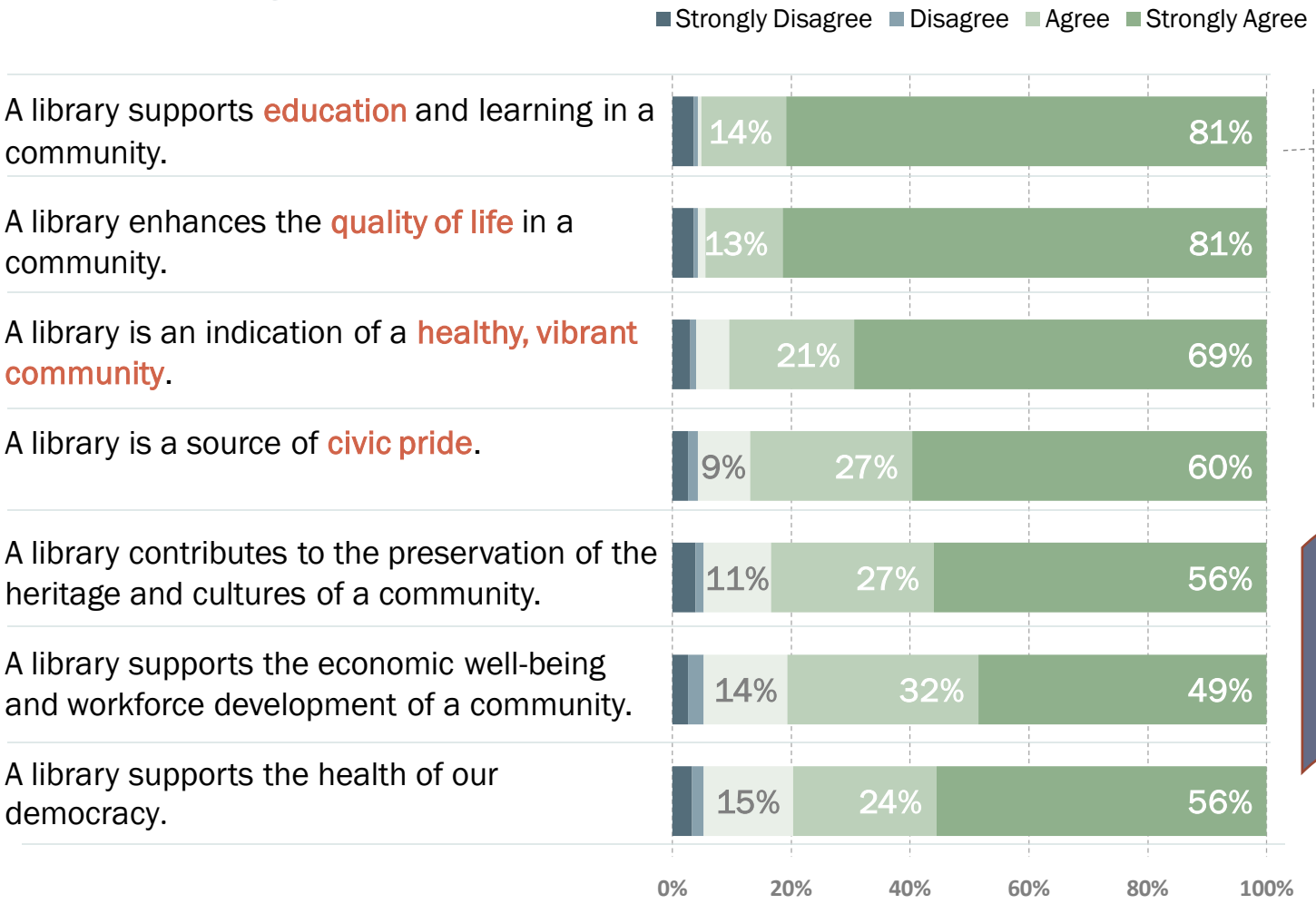


OTHER USES

- Volunteering
- Attending book sales
- Spending time with grandchildren
- Meeting people including tutoring or conducting assessments

Supporting education and quality of life are top roles of the library.

LIBRARY ROLE



More than 90% of responders agree with the top three statements.

Ignorance is not bliss, support libraries!

- A message of support

A vision about resources, education, and community.

- Most survey responders felt providing access to collections and promoting literacy were critical services to the community.
- Most survey responders felt collections, open hours, and staff assistance were most critical to their own use of the library.
- Community meeting participants emphasized that more space is needed to serve the needs of the community both today and in the future.

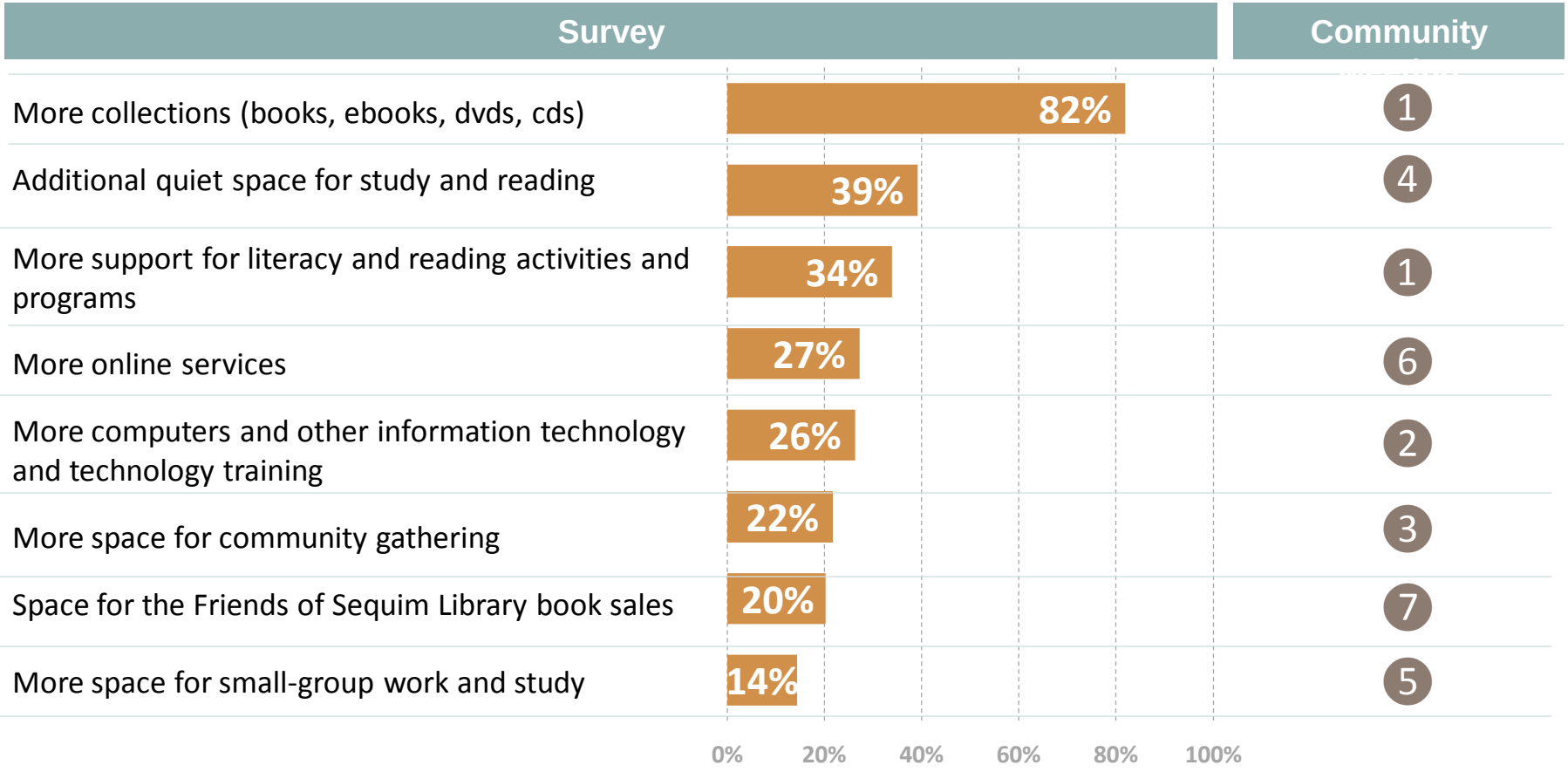
Increased collections and improvements to space are top priorities.

PERSPECTIVES ON HOW TO IMPROVE LIBRARY SERVICE

- Collections are the top priority
  (Survey response: 39%, Second priority of meeting participants)
  - **Books, books, books!**
  - **Electronic resources & ebooks**
  - **Access to other collections, cross loaning**
- Improved and expanded space
  (Survey response: 27%; Top priority of meeting participants)
  - **More space so patrons can enjoy the library (comfort, ease of use)**
  - **Allow quiet space for reading and browsing**
  - **Improve access to collections (current stacks are too narrow, books shelved too high or low)**
  - **Current space not reflective of community**
- Expanded hours (Survey response: 10%)
- Programming to support the community (Survey response: 5%)
  - **On-line activities and other programming to support literacy and community interests**
  - **More support for literacy and reading activities and programs (community meeting)**

Collections are a top priority for expanding library services.

PRIORITIES FOR SERVICE EXPANSION



For a few, a larger library is a low priority:

- Improve collections and access to collections before investing in space to accommodate programming, technology and meeting space.
  - Other organizations provide meeting spaces and programs
- Library is already meeting needs of the community – expansion is not necessary.
  - Library not crowded
  - Move to digital resources requires less space
- Use off-site options before investing in a new building
  - Off-site storage and working with other organizations for off-site programming
  - Improved electronic access to resources
  - If expansion is necessary, use a currently empty building before designing/building new.
- No new taxes
- We can not afford to expand
  - Families are already struggling in the economy

Site & Building

Future Library Size

Whatcom County Library System
Ferndale Library

Sno-Isle Library System
Darrington Branch

Pierce County Library System
Fife Branch

Library Planning for the future Sequim Library

.5 square feet per person (average) library size
planning target used by regional peer library systems

Existing Library Size

- Sequim Library currently serves 29,700 people in 6,000 square feet

- 6,000 square feet / 29,700 people = **.2** square feet per person

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- 17,150 square feet / 34,300 people = **.5** square feet per person

Site & Building

What is the right size for the future Sequim Library?

How far ahead should you plan?	How many people will the library serve?	How much space per person?
2043	34,300	.5 sf per person

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Existing Site Conditions

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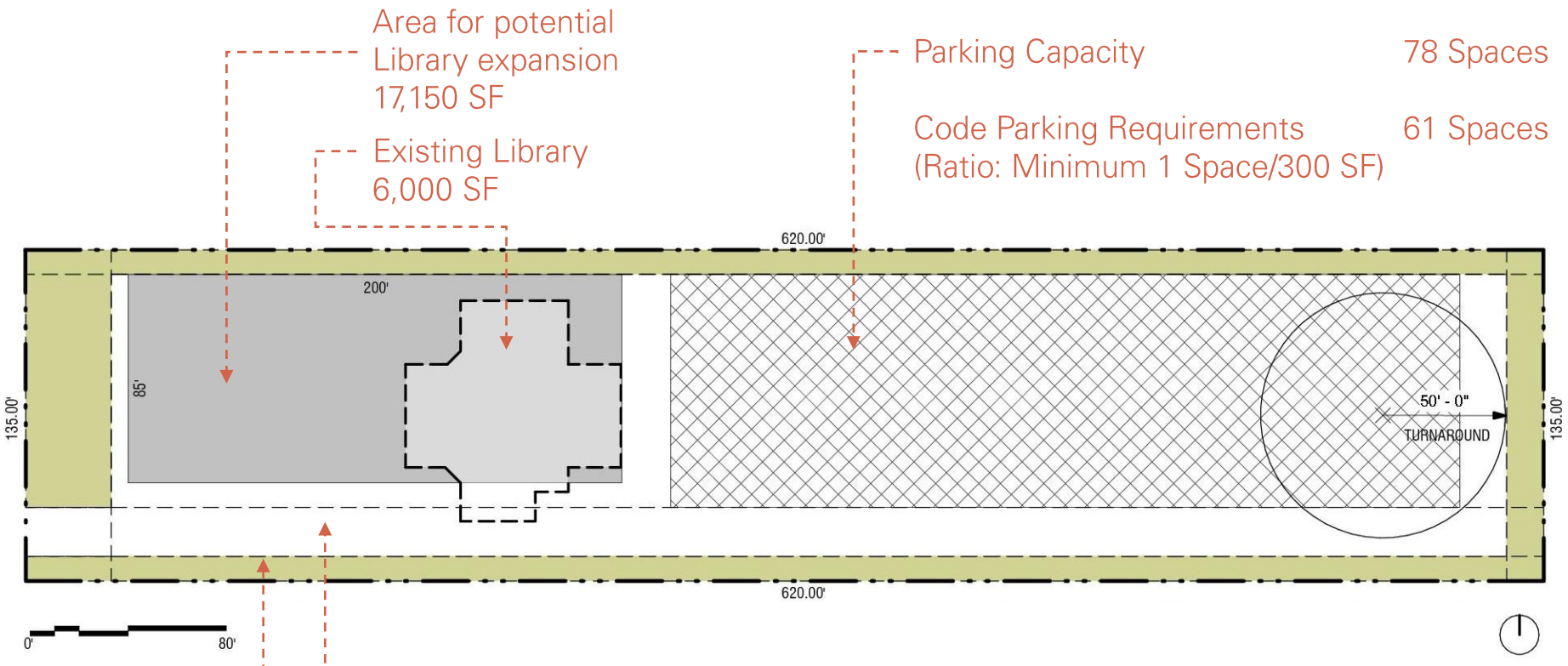
Library Site Capacity Diagram



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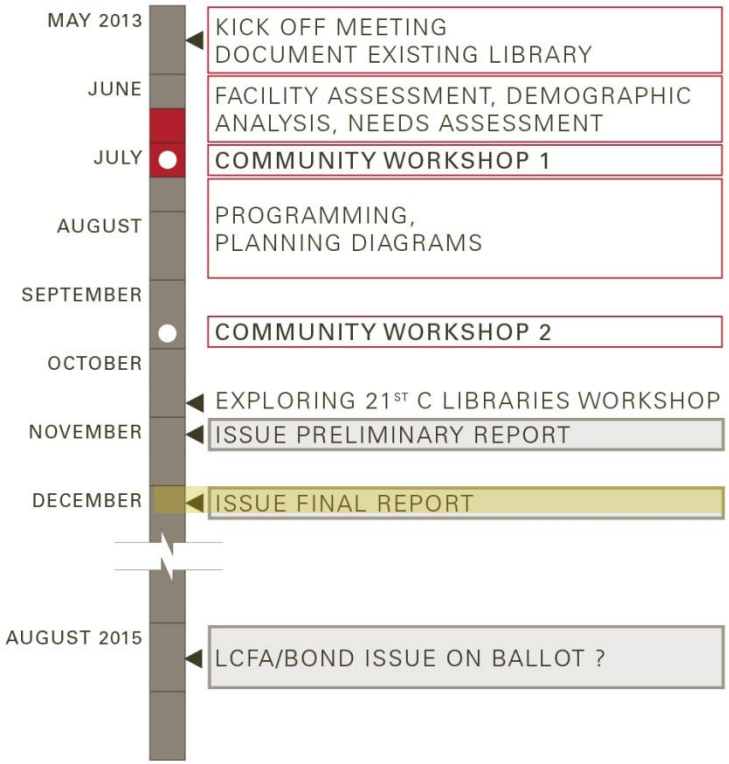

What next?

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and libraries are for future generations, too!