

People share ideas for new library expansion

Sessions create vision board

Thank you to everyone participating in our community feedback events and surveys about our Library expansion project. Hacker Architects will provide us with a more detailed analysis of the results next month. This month I'm sharing an overview of the results. As with any feedback activity, there were diverse opinions about some concepts and solid consensus on several ideas.

It was our goal to provide community members with the opportunity to offer comments, suggestions, and ideas about what they would like to see in an expanded library. We coordinated with the architects to hold two in-person community feedback sessions at the Jefferson County Library on Thursday, Jan. 25, one at mid-day and the other in the evening. The event included a

brief presentation of the process and shared vision boards with a wide variety of library concepts. Some of the vision boards displayed presented broad concepts – seating arrangements of varying sizes, meeting spaces, specific types of spaces (teen space, children's areas, adult reading options, maker space, outdoor space), and meeting rooms. More specific ideas included stroller parking, gaming areas, and study and computer area configurations.

One vision board was to help determine the aesthetic that will be used for interior design. Community members had the opportunity to select images that they feel embody our community. Examples of the types of images include nature, agriculture, cultural heritage, pictures of different textures, people, lighting, and signage.

In addition to the library sessions, we posted a poll on our Facebook page and a

questionnaire on our website. Other community events included sharing the vision boards at the Warms Springs Community Center on Jan. 31,



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getting Culver input at the Feb. 1 Culver High School wrestling meet, questionnaire results from Metolius City Council members and staff at the city council meeting on Feb. 5, and polling Madras High School students in their school library at lunchtime on Feb. 8.

As Outreach Coordinator Star Todd explained, "We had a short window during the second half of January and the first part of February to reach as much of the public as we could to gather public opinion on how to best use our future space at the library. The library exists to serve our community, so we did our best to find out what our community wants. This data will be used by the architects to design our future space. We hope you'll come in March and see the design

and offer more feedback then."

There are a few elements that did rise to the top with the most interest. We all know there's a need for community meeting space, and that's no surprise. There was considerable interest in an outdoor space, a dedicated teen area, informal gathering areas, and a maker space. The Library's crafting area/maker space is already popular with all ages, so a dedicated space for messy creativity seems like a natural extension.

Here are a few comments left on the boards at the Library.

"Having rooms/space available where community partners can gather and hold events."

"I look forward to having an outdoor area for readers to hang out and enjoy reading outdoors."

"I love the open nature opportunities to read outside."

"More community meeting space is an important priority."

"I like the open space available for teens – a space that can be used for multiple projects and as hang-out spots."

The community feedback

sessions and activities were a first step in determining how we can best meet the needs of our district residents. The Library is hosting the Madras-JC Chamber's Business After Hours on Thursday, March 21, from 5:00 to 7:00. The architects will share preliminary drawings and visuals of what your expanded Library might look like. I will follow up next month with a continuing analysis of the feedback results.

Every community is unique, and I believe your library should capture the spirit of our area and fit into its surroundings. With your help, I know we can achieve that.

This Month at the Library

If you'd like to receive an electronic version of our monthly newsletter with a calendar of activities, email info@jclcd.org and let us know that you'd like to receive the monthly newsletter via email. You can also find our events in the Madras Pioneer in the first issue of every month.

Each week we have children's

storytime, Spanish storytime, afternoon STEM, playtime at the Library, and family storytime. Our online calendar of events is also available on our website: <https://www.jclcd.org/community-events>.

February 22 at 3:00 p.m. – Book Buddy. For readers of all ages, our 'Reading to Dogs' program, in collaboration with Compassionate Canines of Central Oregon, enhances reading skills, confidence, and positivity. Join us for this unique reading experience!

Friday Film Nights

Feel free to bring snacks or beverages for yourself or to share.

February 9 at 7 p.m. – The Blind: The true-life story of Duck Dynasty's Phil Robertson

February 16 at 7 p.m. – The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes (2023)

February 23 @ 6:00 p.m. – El último vagón (2023)

Next month: More information about the expansion project and upcoming changes with electronic books.

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