VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY:  
DRAFT FINDINGS  
Council Approval  
April 4, 2023
AGENDA

01 Community Input Summary
02 Summary of Data Findings
03 List of potential recommendations
04 Q&A
Community Input
ABOUT THE COMMUNITY INPUT

FINDINGS

ANALYTICS

- 7 in person and virtual sessions:
  - Two at the library
  - At Meals on Wheels
  - At Vickers Elementary School
  - Zoom to the High School – 2 classes
  - Library Friends
  - Library Board

- 55 in person or virtual participants

- 556 Survey Responses
  - 3 in Spanish
  - 265 Open ended responses
  - Over 61% prefer one large, full-service library location

- Over 600 community participants!
Multi-Purpose Activity Room
Access to Technology for Children
STE(A)M Learning Area
#5 from Online Survey
Study/Homework/Tutoring
Outdoor Reading Porch
Café/Vending Area
#1 from the Online Survey
Quiet Reading Room #3 from Online Survey
Study/Reading Niches
Video or Audio Recording Studio
Makerspace
#7 from Online Survey
Collaboration/Instruction Rooms
Library-provided Technology
Commons Area/Extended Hours
24 hour Pick Up Lockers
Mobile Demonstration
Kitchen #8 from Online Survey
Local History Displays
#9 from Online Survey
Community Gathering Spaces
#4 from Online Survey
Program & Performance Space
Outdoor Study/Work Space
Other Survey Results:
Drive up Book Return - #2
Drive up Service Window - #6
Family Restroom - #10
02 Summary of Data Findings
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03 Recommendations
SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

1-3 years:

- Site:
  - Accessible Path from overflow parking
  - Add a big, digital information sign
  - Acquire the rest of the Liberty Site
- Humanities Grant phase 1 and 2

- Furniture:
  - Add Study Pods
  - Reading Porch Furniture
  - Replace the service desk/self checks

- Technology:
  - Update to be ready for AMH or smart returns
  - Add technology vending for laptops
- Expand drop offs to include vending/pick up:
  - Test market at Mall location
  - Test at existing library to expand library hours
- Address acoustics
  - Create a reading area/room
- Maintenance Issues (see FAC)
- Operational:
  - Expand hours
HUMANITIES GRANT

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create a Reading Porch
- Enclose Multi-purpose Programming Garden
- Exterior RR and water facilities
1. Signage updates
2. Creating a cleaner/modern, safer exterior at entrance to increase visual interest through handrails, open handicapped ramp, emphasis on sculpture/artistic element.
3. Bump out main entrance/lobby or enclosing lobby to create sound barrier between entry to building and main public space.
4. Outdoor shaded seating near main entrance, but away from door.
5. Landscape updates with low maintenance plants.
MID TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Build out parking lot at Liberty Street
- Implement a book mobile for Library Services
- Consider design and Build “Victoria Connections” Mall Space
LONG TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Expand the library on the existing site to:
  - Design an outdoor deck at Main Street and consider a quiet reading deck
  - Incorporate two elevators for ADA
  - Complete a full renovation of the existing spaces
  - Add family restrooms
  - Remove 25% of the exterior concrete panels
  - Expand the power capacity
  - Incorporate new AV/Technology
  - New space to double the usable square footage of the library to meet 2040 goals
THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

designing modern libraries where communities can gather to learn, play, dream, and explore