

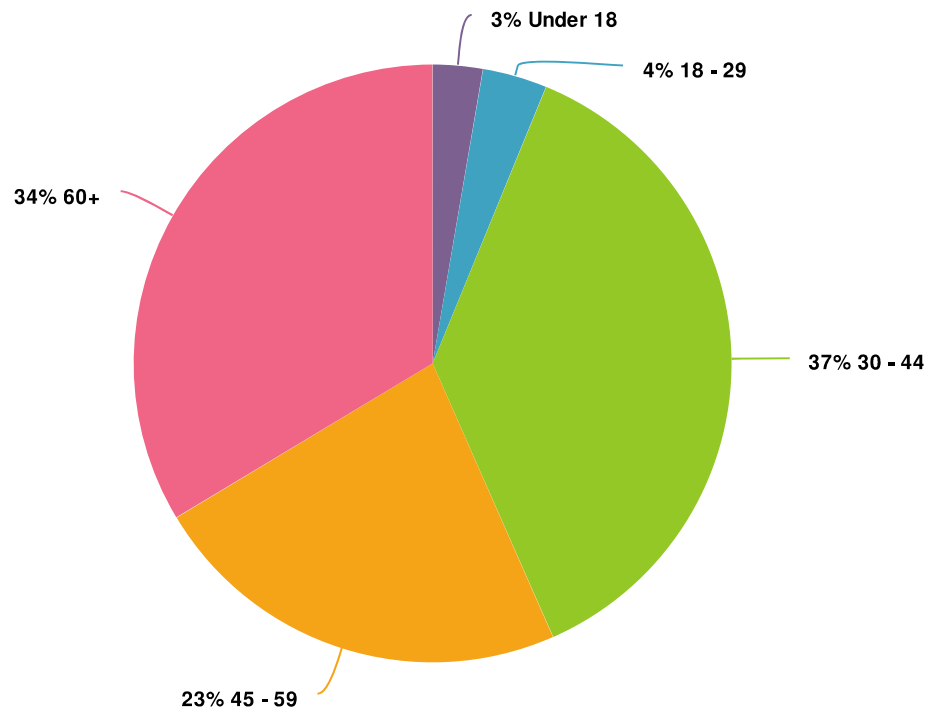
Report for Bent Northrop Memorial Library






Response Counts

Completion Rate:	100%	
Complete		 114

Totals: 114

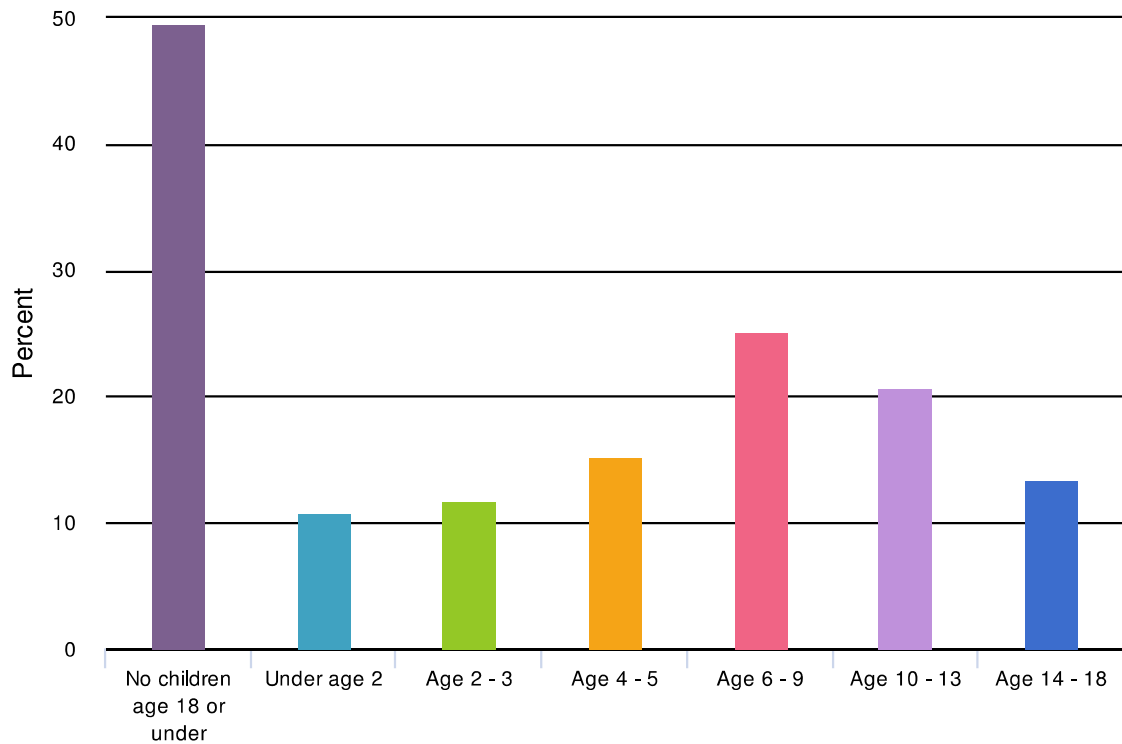
1. What is your age?



Value		Percent	Responses
Under 18		2.7%	3
18 - 29		3.5%	4
30 - 44		37.2%	42
45 - 59		23.0%	26
60+		33.6%	38

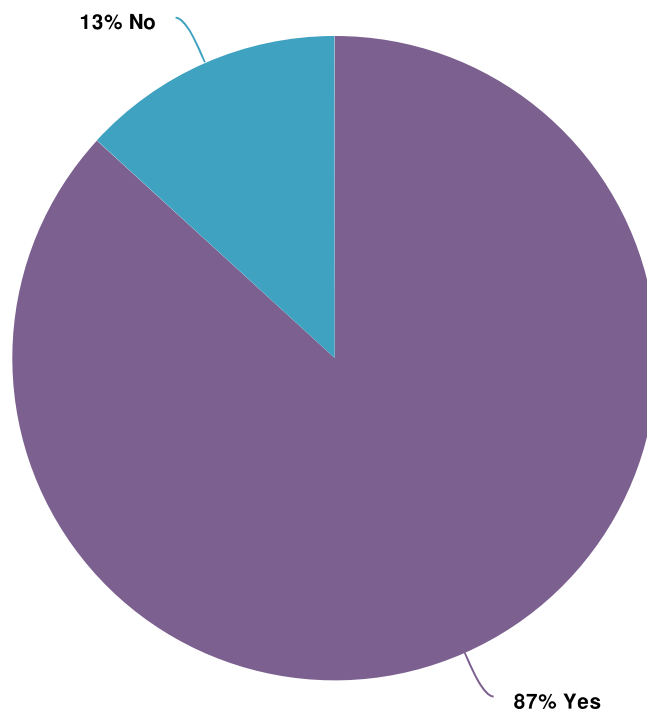
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2. What are the ages of the children in your household?



Value		Percent	Responses
No children age 18 or under		49.5%	55
Under age 2		10.8%	12
Age 2 - 3		11.7%	13
Age 4 - 5		15.3%	17
Age 6 - 9		25.2%	28
Age 10 - 13		20.7%	23
Age 14 - 18		13.5%	15

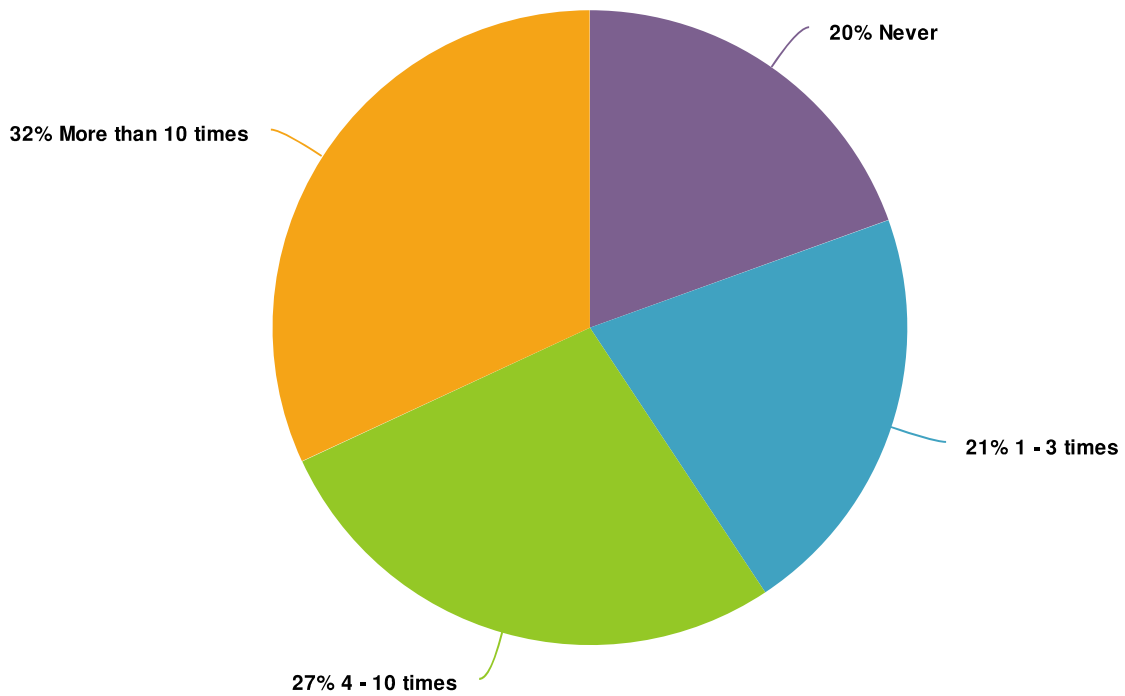
3. Are you a Fairfield resident?



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		86.8%	99
No		13.2%	15

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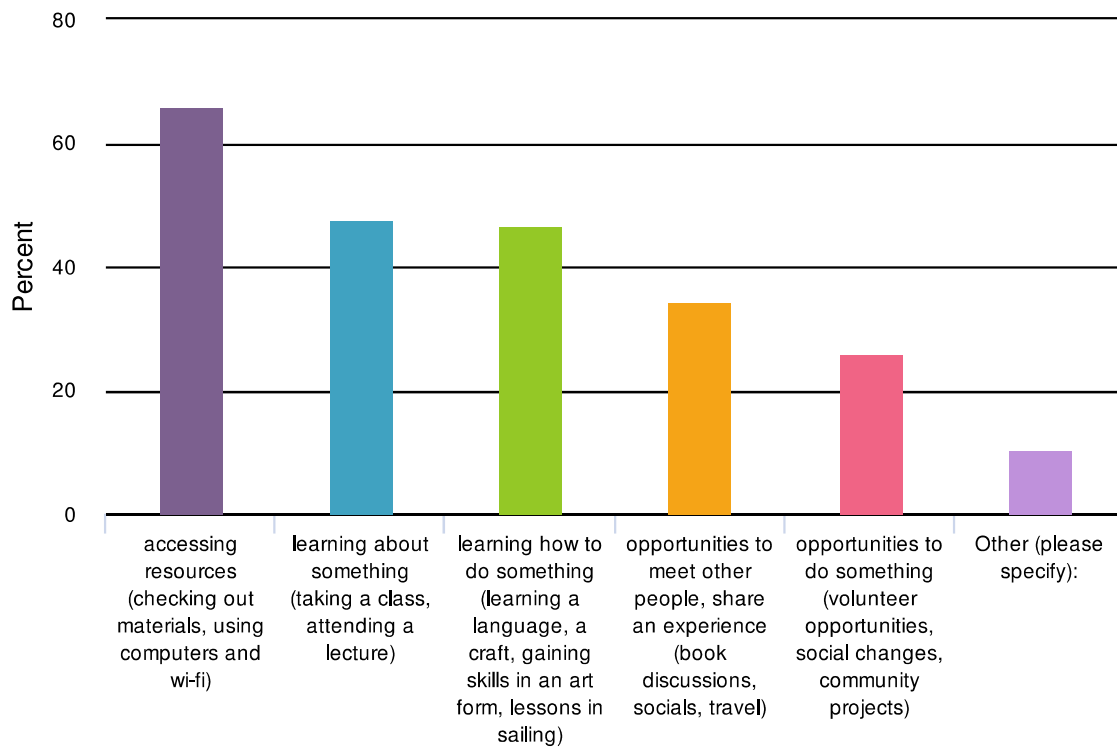
4. How often have you used the library within the last 12 months?



Value		Percent	Responses
Never		19.5%	22
1 - 3 times		21.2%	24
4 - 10 times		27.4%	31
More than 10 times		31.9%	36

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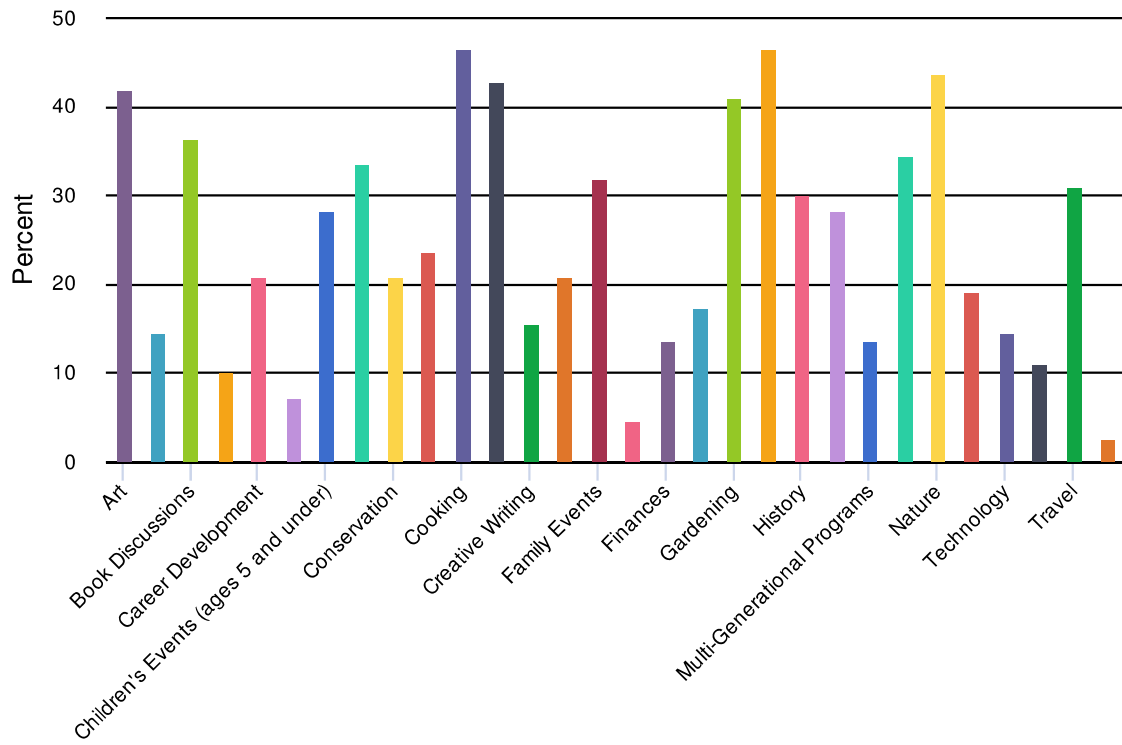
5. I am most interested in:




















Value	Percent	Responses
accessing resources (checking out materials, using computers and wi-fi)	65.7%	69
learning about something (taking a class, attending a lecture)	47.6%	50
learning how to do something (learning a language, a craft, gaining skills in an art form, lessons in sailing)	46.7%	49
opportunities to meet other people, share an experience (book discussions, socials, travel)	34.3%	36
opportunities to do something (volunteer opportunities, social changes, community projects)	25.7%	27
Other (please specify):	10.5%	11

Other (please specify):	Count
Baby Groups	1
Don't Know	1
I'm a slow reader so seldom do library take out	1
Just moved here	1
Kids activities	1
Play groups and ways to involve my kids	1
Reading	1
electronic resources	1
my daughter enjoys the after school activities offered	1
the programs interest me but are not at times that I can participate	1
wud love to learn Spanish	1
Totals	11

6. Check all topics that interest you:



Value	Percent	Responses
Art	41.8%	46
Aging/ Retirement	14.5%	16
Book Discussions	36.4%	40
Business	10.0%	11
Career Development	20.9%	23
Caregiving	7.3%	8
Children's Events (ages 5 and under)	28.2%	31
Children's Events (school-age)	33.6%	37
Conservation	20.9%	23
Community Action	23.6%	26
Cooking	46.4%	51
Crafts	42.7%	47
Creative Writing	15.5%	17

Value		Percent	Responses
Current Events		20.9%	23
Family Events		31.8%	35
Family Support		4.5%	5
Finances		13.6%	15
Games (Board, Cards, Etc.)		17.3%	19
Gardening		40.9%	45
Health and Wellness		46.4%	51
History		30.0%	33
Home Improvement		28.2%	31
Multi-Generational Programs		13.6%	15
Music		34.5%	38
Nature		43.6%	48
Sports		19.1%	21
Technology		14.5%	16
Teen Events		10.9%	12
Travel		30.9%	34
Other (please specify):		2.7%	3

Other (please specify):

Count

Climate Change, Bullying, PTSD, Drug Prevention

1

Fire, Water, Sidewalks, speed, selectboard

1

films

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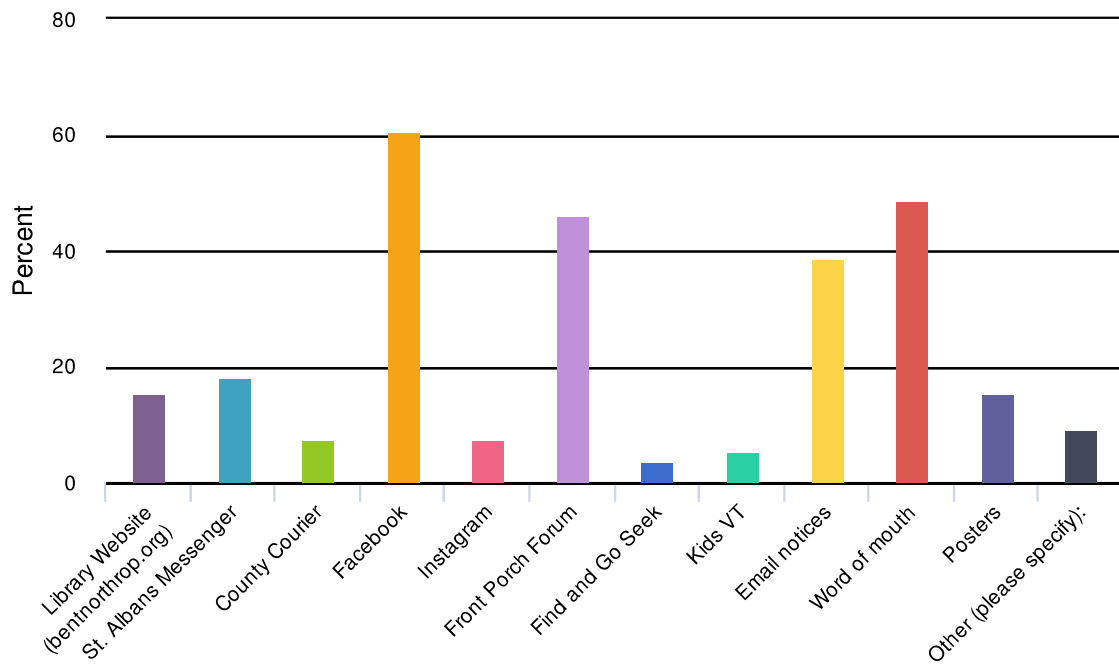
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7. What are your preferences for attending events?

	Mornings	Afternoons	Evenings	Total Checks
Weekday				
Checks	17	34	79	130
Row Check %	13.1%	26.2%	60.8%	
Saturday				
Checks	53	34	20	107
Row Check %	49.5%	31.8%	18.7%	
Total Checks				
Checks	70	68	99	237
% of Total Checks	29.5%	28.7%	41.8%	100.0%

8. Where do you find information on activities of interest to you?



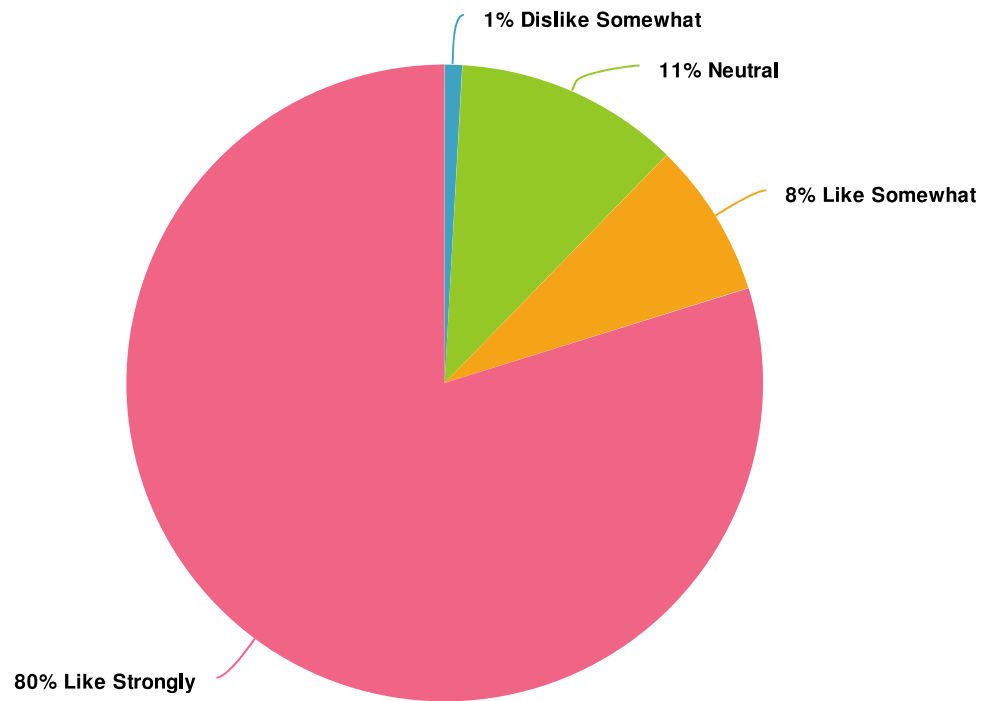
Value		Percent	Responses
Library Website (bentnorthrop.org)		15.6%	17
St. Albans Messenger		18.3%	20
County Courier		7.3%	8
Facebook		60.6%	66
Instagram		7.3%	8
Front Porch Forum		45.9%	50
Find and Go Seek		3.7%	4
Kids VT		5.5%	6
Email notices		38.5%	42
Word of mouth		48.6%	53
Posters		15.6%	17
Other (please specify):		9.2%	10

Other (please specify):

Count

Google	2
Haven't looked	1
I had no clue how to get information.	1
Internet Searches	1
Internet, Chesters	1
Not right now	1
Radio	1
internet	1
the librarian!	1
Totals	10

9. Whether or not you use it, what is your impression of the library?



Value	Percent	Responses
Dislike Somewhat	0.9%	1
Neutral	11.4%	13
Like Somewhat	7.9%	9
Like Strongly	79.8%	91
		Totals: 114

10. As we look toward the future, what is your wildest dream for our community?



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9 Cafe attached to library

10 A place where everyone feels welcome and there are engaging activities for all ages.

13 To become closer and become more welcoming! You are always welcoming at the library but the community is not always as welcoming.

14 Let me first say I am so thankful we have such a beautiful, welcoming library. I hope that the range of offerings continues. I would like to see some additional school-age children events for the weekends and during the summer weekdays to allow more adults to bring their children to these events

17 That we continue to be close and supportive by providing opportunities for all ages to learn and grow.

18 A swimming pool - More art shows.... Garden path... something fun, like a maze or a plant identification trail

19 would love an outdoor activities women's group

20 To keep our current staff. To get folks in who have never been to BNML (welcome, orientation/food event)

21 Gathering people together to socialize and build camaraderie. Block party with fun events and music. Bouncy house!

22 Discussions and Lectures advertised to other communities. ... Definitely about major current issues such as Climate Change, School Safety, Drug Use Prevention, Bullying, PTSD The Fairfield 250th Celebration Pig Roast with music was terrific ! :-) - causing me to drive the distance from Enosburg, to be there.

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25	As our school continues to have less students and may eventually close, I hope our Library will continue to grow and be the hub for the community the way the school has.
26	to create an open environment that welcomes every age group, a meeting place for the community
27	I'm not sure. I love our community as is. Maybe, some more events related to other cultures including the LGBTQ community.
28	That we maintain our historic buildings.
30	A community that help insure people have food,warmth,healthcare,education and safety. Activities for children,teens and the elderly. Jobs in the community for teens.
31	1. That we have an incredible eatery offering great coffee, good food, good wine and good company. 2. That the Rail Trail is completed from Fairfield to Jeffersonville. 3. That all the people who use the Rail Trail once completed can eat, drink and be merry at this amazing eatery! That is my wildest dream for my community!
32	A thriving local economy with opportunities for young (30-ish) to make a living and interact with both young and old members of the community - would love to see a Fairfield where not many had to work out of town
33	24 hour library
34	More community events
36	To have more classes or events that are applicable to my daughters and their friends. Right now we either have play dates at home or go out and it's be nice to have events they could participate in together closer to home. Crafting, I loved Jenny's chocolate class, arts...
38	That we find ways to maintain our rural, agricultural town!
39	to grow in a controlled way so we can stay rural but be more affordable
40	Amazing opportunities for our budding children Continue to be the go to place for our kids
41	I truly want to keep our community safe, clean, active community involvement, expand the vision of our community/town. Continue to draw people to our community for events and gatherings. Would love to pull together an event like Antiques and Uniques does in July in Greensboro on our Green. Would be awesome!!!
42	I would be willing to teach a class on how to speak Norwegian. My dad also donated one of my favorite books and I would like to buy it back.
44	people getting along with one another and respecting each other.

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46	That it continue to be a space that offers after-school opportunities for youth, a meeting space for non-profit groups and that they offer learning opportunities for youth and adults with speakers and workshops.
47	more events like the silent auction held at the library each fall--really brings people together for a positive experience.
49	To keep it as close knit as it is now.
52	Kids/adults being able to take language and arts at the library
56	See the number of Trump supporters decreases.
57	Both villages of Fairfield are residential, safe and walkable for all ages with basic goods and services. groceries, gas, restaurant, library!, community gathering place and events and with some employment opportunities
59	Continuing to help our youths be the next leaders. STEAM initiatives. Sports for health and fitness.
60	A private school or high school with strong academic curriculum.
62	I would love for the library to be a gathering place for the surrounding rural communities through organized activities, both free and paid. Some ideas for these activities: classes on gardening, composting, backyard farming, creative writing, triathlon, nature, other sports...group bike rides from the library with a class about bike maintenance, group runs with a class about sports nutrition, writing groups....
64	Continue great family resources and support, visiting authors. More for local seniors.
65	Open more hours
66	To have a good sized park.
72	To have an event for young and old for the entire community
73	See Taxes Come Down
77	That we all responsibly/respectfully use the BNML properly
78	A large Gym/Sports Building
79	The library does an excellent job supporting community events as well as hosting them. The library also functions well as a library and meets our families needs. We are very fortunate to have such an amazing space with an equally amazing staff who are always warm and welcoming to me and my family.
81	To love one another

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83	That the town of Fletcher goes defunct and is absorbed by Fairfield.
86	Programs for children. Classes for different things
88	n/a
89	Open, accepting community-Welcoming to all. Lots of art and music.
98	*I like the BNML just how it is. Maybe more after school programs.
99	Never had a wild dream as it pertains to our community, but more recreational opportunities would be great.
103	to retain our close knit community/rural feel as well as access to the latest technology
107	I would love to see more utilization of the free resources provided by the library for those that need them. More patrons is a great thing!
108	Increased business and revenue opportunities that compliment the rustic or rural nature and ?forested? and agricultural traditions of the town.
111	Free summer program for kids all ages & free daycare :)
115	Used often to build community and to welcome people of all colors, religions, genders, and preferences.
118	Youth

11. Questions or Comments:



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8 Unsupervised children after school.

10 We think Fairfield library is fabulous! We live in St.Albans and use Fairfield almost as much as the st.albans library. Love all the adult art classes offered and great family events too! It is a very special library.continue the great work!

14 Thank you! Thank you for all of the hard work and organization to help support our community

16 It would be great if we could sponsor more programming that celebrates diversity and exposes folks to diverse viewpoints (like the drag queen story hour). Also programs that deal with racial justice - maybe films or talks to promote this. Love how you've had local author talks.

17 We love the library and wonderful staff!

20 BNML is the heart & hearth of our community; even more so since the school is now part of a larger unit. Anything the library can do to strengthen its central—and irreplaceable role—in the community is a great idea.

21 Not at this time.

22 Why does it show 0% at the bottom of this page, even though I filled in many items?

30 Continue to support the library,community center,fire department,historical society,etc. Continue to support our town grant writer.

36 Love the librarian, Sarah is a very sweet and helpful young woman.

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39	I object to being additionally taxed to support the library while none of the endowment is used. When it was built, it was supposed to be self sustaining. We were lied to and that hurts.
41	Our library is a true gem in our community. We are so lucky to have this beautiful building and a Board that truly is vested in the direction of our library and the people it serves!!
42	Is it possible to buy back a book that wasn't supposed to be donated?
57	not sure what you want here?
59	None
62	I live in Fletcher and just recently visited the library for the first time (usually I go to the library in Jeffersonville or Underhill). I am really impressed and will be returning frequently!
64	Continue to use website and facebook to reach the community to let everyone know resources and services available as changes occur.
66	N/A
78	I can't think of anything right now. I just know kids and adults use the tiny gym for different activities and it would be nice to have a larger one.
79	None
81	Love the events for the kids and everything you all do for people in the area and their families. I have never loved a library before but now i do.
88	n/a
90	I was under the impression this library would be funded by an estate not taxpayer dollars. It was to be located at the school to create an atmosphere that would enhance school/community relations. Since it has been moved and greatly expanded we have not been able to take an active part in its usage. We find this frustrating and not following the expectation we were led to expect!
98	n/a
104	How are you different then the library in Enosburg?

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108 Reduce emphasis on transgender ideology without equal representation of countering ideas. The obvious placement of transgender and homosexuality based book in the youth and teen sections is unnecessary and offensive for some patrons. I have no issue with the resources, however a municipal entity should not be pushing an ideology as the library is with its material placement compounded by hosting a Drag Queen story hour without and counter representation.

115 Interested in knowing more about requirement/ expectations/ time needed to become a library trustee or friend.

12. Would you be interested in supporting the library by volunteering in any of these ways?

