

2015 Library Survey Results

How often do you use the Library?

Never	51 (29%)
0 - 5 times per year	32 (18%)
6 - 10 times per year	29 (16%)
Too often to count	64 (36%)

How do you use the library (computer, books, DVDs, socializing, children's programming, etc.?)

(Online submissions)

Children's books, children's programming

I have been a regular user of this library for over 45 years. Use at least once a week, often more.

For books duh!

Books kindle books

I do not use the library.

I use the library for research, computing, book loaning, video/dvd loaning, reading the papers/magazines, connecting with others.

E Books

Use of copier/fax

Books

As a new resident the library has been a terrific resource for me in so many ways. I know I can always go there with a question and get an answer. The social aspect is big for me as well. I have used the DVD lending and value the book club for folks.

Children's programming; e-books

Books, children's programming

Computer

Books, online books

Books, DVD

Mostly books and reading materials or DVDs. We have used the computers, copier and for research on city building codes.

Books. Socializing. Children's Programming.

Basically for everything we need

N/A

Computer access, checking out books and movies. Inter-library loan also.

(Paper submissions)

Books/reading	74
Computer	42
DVDs	25
Children's Programming	10
Socializing	10

Less than five responses: Information, Entertainment, Copy Machine, Puzzles, E books, Fax, News

What do you like or not like about the current library location?

(Online Responses)

Located near post office

Parking is poor. Library is kind of cramped

Ok. I have brought people in wheelchair, parking not an issue

It ok

It's convenient

It's perfect

Never been to this library.

I like very much that it is centrally located in town. Granted they may want to stretch out some for planned children's activities as table space is minimal now but there is a coziness to the present library in not having a huge open space. Seems more friendly...gathering and meeting at the city library.

Parking is limited Square footage is small for the amount of books

Quaint. Small.

Lack of parking space

1 Not enough parking 2 No computer for child 3 No room for authors visits 4 Not enough tables to sit alone and work 5 Not enough electric outlets to plug my own computer in to 6 Too crowded for events with kids and parents 7 I miss Interlibrary lending from outlying libraries

I feel it is very convenient, but parking seems to be an issue at times.

Lacks space

Easy parking. Quaint little library.

It is fine

It's too small.

Limited parking. When I attend two library during a children's program it appears crowded.

Musty smelling. In town.

Either way we love our library

Parking, small space, not up to date

I think it is a good location in downtown Wakefield.

Parking is not the best. The double doors are difficult to navigate with a walker.

(Paper submissions)

Convenient layout

Location

Walk to entrance

Parking

Road is plowed.

Easy access

Snow removal

Building

Staff

Everything

It's fine.

Cozy

Service

Old building will go to waste.

Not handicapped accessible

Ramp too steep

Library should close.

Layout

Taxes

Crowded

Too small to keep open

Needs privacy

No meeting space

Curb appeal

Lack of space

Would be convenient in City Hall

Hours

No separate bathroom

Not open at night

Not current books

Didn't know it is there.

Would you like to see the Wakefield Public Library move to the gymnasium space at the new Municipal Building?

Yes	108 (61%)
No	37 (21%)
No Opinion	31 (18%)

If you answered NO to the question above, how would you like to see the space utilized?

(Online submissions)

Basketball court. If not, the space should be used as a rental hall (since it has kitchen, etc...) Could be a good money maker for the city, people may use it for parties, etc...

Something innovative, not just moving library. Hope these results are published. Very interested to see what others have suggested for use.

It good like it is

Use gym and kitchen for organizations at no cost. Scouts, 4H meetings, etc. Charge rent to private parties for wedding showers, receptions, graduation parties, craft fairs, etc. Two tiers of rental prices with and without use of kitchen, lowered rates for residents of Wakefield.

Add something new we don't have. Community use. Rental like park pavilion for gatherings and events.

Difficult to answer because I wish the library additional space but I think the current library, library board would recommend dismantling the kitchen. I think the kitchen is a fantastic asset to the new municipal building and having a place where the community can come together. We lost that when the former community building was in such poor shape and couldn't financially be saved be fixed, repaired, restored to its yesteryear beauty and functions. It had to be torn down.

Food pantry. Homeless warming shelter. Emergency shelter (fire/domestic/flood victims)

City Counsel and local projects such as voting, boy scouts, walking in the winter, rentals for weddings and birthdays to bring in extra revenue.

Not familiar with proposed space to know

I don't think city offices should move. The current city hall has a lot of history. Fix up the current building. Or it will meet the same demise as the memorial building did.

A room and kitchen available to be rented out just like the pavilion at the park. There is nowhere in town to host an event that is not a bar! Craft fairs, small wedding receptions, wedding & baby showers, graduation parties, rummage sales, etc. I realize it would be a small source of revenue for the city, however, a huge asset to its residents to have a "meeting place/community room" available for private functions. As long as it were to break even or provide a small profit it would be a welcome addition in my opinion. Leave the library as it is and add something new to our community for a change! We have been stagnant too long! It is past time for some new ideas and new amenities.

I think this would be a good space to rent out to both individual and groups in the community for gatherings - baby showers, bridal showers, reunions, group meetings, etc...

(Paper submissions)

Not sure, seems there would be a better use for such a large space. Rental, walking in winter, small business area.

Second gym for school.

Meeting space for town. I changed my mind when I saw the space.

More of a community center.

I think the City should go the smaller building. They couldn't keep the old building going. Everything Wakefield has gets worse. They can't keep what they have. The visitor's building is large enough or the Prudential building is more than efficient for them. ...Spending too much on wages and not enough going back to the town.

Unsure I haven't seen the space.

To be used as a town hall for town events and for a gathering place for other things. (fundraisers, craft fair, town dinners like 4th of July)

Perhaps a town center for our children as they have nowhere to go or do.

Community center like Marenisco.

Rent it out for weddings, parties, events, etc. put lock on the doors that are used for City business.

As a gym open to kids in evenings and weekends.

Put something in there that could make a little money instead of having something that the people have to pay for. Wakefield has a lot of senior citizens already hurting from paying for stuff...(Have them pay the taxes themselves, not the people who don't use it - summarized.)

Like a community center.

Turn it into a local movie store.

Cost?

Do not want the kitchen to be removed. Library OK if it is kept.

Used for gym for school, town hall meetings, parties, community org. for kitchen use.

Most economical

Put the garage in that space. Add on if you have too.

Second hand store/thrift shop, antique shop/gift store with profit going to library, Wakefield museum, rummage sale

Town events, rent out for private events, keep open for walking in winter.

What services/features would you like to see in the library, if it were to move to the new location?

A stage like in Barnes and Noble for kids to use during story hour.

Don't see what could be added to what already is there

Same as now, why move?

Services/features: I think the library could use some additional space but maybe utilize 3/4 the size beginning from the Main Street side wall. 3/4 inputting kid friendly tables on side closest to the city offices. After hours, this space including keeping the kitchen, intact, could be used for some community events/gatherings. It'd be a place Wakefield can meet and call its own. Be it a monthly meeting, speakers, seasonal event/activities, or a senior dinner. **We'd have a library. Able to spread out some with tables for those children's activities but also have a town hall.

More of what I stated in box number 3 and space to invite speakers in that could help community.

Many of the same services provided now.

1 - individual work tables with room for a laptop and papers to spread out, reliable wireless access, and electrical outlet to recharge electronics 2 - children's reading area (and continued access to toys for youngest ones) 3 - continue children's programming; monthly enrichment displays would be an awesome addition 4 - 'children specific' computer access, i.e. have computers set up (or a page that can be accessed from anywhere) that has a collection of reading materials and learning games grouped by age - something so could set kids up on computer while browse books, work, etc. and now worry about them clicking on things they shouldn't

The library is a nice quiet place to go. Denise does a great job.

Do not move it!

Bigger selection of books and DVDs and a larger section for the kids.

A larger children's section for young children to play and read.

Expanded children's area, and media center.

Better parking Larger reading area More Books More "up to date" library

Same services and features.

Comments and opinions:

(Online submissions)

What does "public programming" and "increased functionality" mean? To me, nothing...explain please Will we be informed of survey results? Do you really care about our options? I'm guessing it's already a done deal and no-one will even look at the survey results!

Why not use gym and kitchen for people in town, no were like that in town if you want to go for party, rummage sale, funeral lunch, girl Scott meeting, bake sale

Find new uses for the space, free and income producing (or at least generate enough income to break even on costs for city residents' use.)

We need new things in town, keep library where it is and create a multi-function area open to the public.

I've heard? Concerns that the current library would take on the smells from the kitchen in their books. What?-nobody would be using the kitchen facilities when the library was open. To the library-the look of a small town has changed and we must all be open to make the best use of the facilities and buildings that remain in the town be they be for

municipal use, community/town people gathering use/ library use, etc. I don't think we can depend that we'll get that community facility down the road that was planned for us and to us a few years ago. So we need to carefully plan what we have left to accommodate the people of Wakefield with their needs...and maybe share a facility for many of our needs. If not willing to share, then maybe best to have the library stay in their current location. Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts.

Make this space an outreach of support for our community. Fundraisers/Clothing/Food distribution Source of information for available assistance for all members of the city, from infant to senior. Central location for immunizations, blood drives. etc.

Even though I don't live in Wakefield any more, my memories of the access to books, which are my greatest joy & the other wonderful things still offered free in this country deserves the very best.

The sooner the better for move. Thank you

I'm thankful we have an active library in our small community. If it can be converted to an even more comfortable/inviting space that would be great. I'd like to be able to take my kids there on the weekends in winter or anytime over the summer and just spend some time relaxing/reading in a different environment than home.

Father Daniel hall is an ugly 60ish building. Don't move the library or anything the

Time for changes, the new location of city hall is a step in the right direction. Continue with this opportunity to add new functionality to the building and increase options for our community. Thank you for asking for input.

I think it would be a great move and a cost savings as well.

Go for it.

The library lady does a great job with activities and book readings, etc. Thank you! I am assuming that over time the move to the new building would be a cost savings, right?

(Paper submissions)

Very nice librarian

More natural light and ventilation, comfortable chairs

Great librarian

Private room, job interviews, school use

A quiet space, more broad band 'work stations', consolidation of services makes economic sense

Easier to move about

If library moved...space not available for other uses. Possible to use old library?

Make Maria Lane one way with angled parking, sell old library

Place books on east side, reading tables on west. Use kitchen

Consolidate building maintenance

Why heat two buildings

Continue current services

More parking at WMB, reduce unused inventory, put books on casters

Other libraries more social

Excellent librarian

Is Post Office interested in library building?

More people making use of it

Larger for children's programs, win win situation

Cost of move, moving broadband worth long term savings

Librarian multitalented

Control costs by rent/sell current building

Pleased new building is handicapped accessible

Most important time to be open 4pm-8 or 9pm

Better hours, newer books, more computers

Agree with the library board, better parking

Please do not cut essential service

Possibility of Indianhead convention center, no need for meeting space

Glad to see some positive progress taking place to better our town

This needs to be a cost savings decision

More efficient – heat, lights, supervision

Would be a lot more room

Best librarian

I don't live permanently in Wakefield, if it will help kids, go big

Hands on art and yoga

The library could use improvement

I am glad we have a library

A few more computers and days on the DVDs, time well spent in library

Reading nook, children's area, movable shelves, more parking

A larger children's area

More room for programs

Education programs for adults, excited about expansion

Library critical to the community

I think making a municipal complex with the library would be an asset

Lectures films

Added space and better access would be a good move

Danish

Vacation home

Seems there would be a better use

2nd gym for school

Meeting space for town

I would hope the kitchen would be used for community events, rent

Too much traffic at municipal building

Couldn't keep the old building going, too much on wages, not enough on town

Use gym for offering programs, work out machines

Money spent running library could be used in more beneficial way

Cost of moving merit, not have town hall

How much more will cost in taxes

Plenty big enough now, no change needed

Would be nice to have another gym

Have them pay the taxes themselves, shouldn't have to pay for something we don't use

Equal hours of operation

If they move, it will make it unavailable for this senior citizen

They should add on to old building

No matter where it is, you need a library

I do not want the kitchen to be removed

Bring in outside presentations

More evening hours

Let's be innovative, rent for parties, gym, town hall meetings

Most economical

Put garage in that space; do not need another empty building on the main street

Leave it where it is

Where would elections be held

This should have been decided before the move, daycare, thrift store, rummage sale area

Increased number of programs

Like bigger children's area, comfy seating

Move library into class rooms, keep gym area for community
