

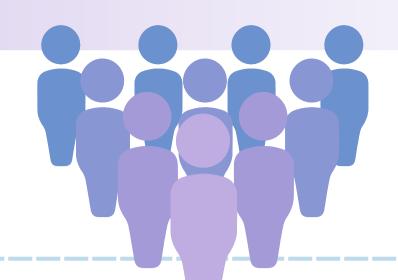
Presentation to Select Board

Sept 12, 2023

Strategic Plan

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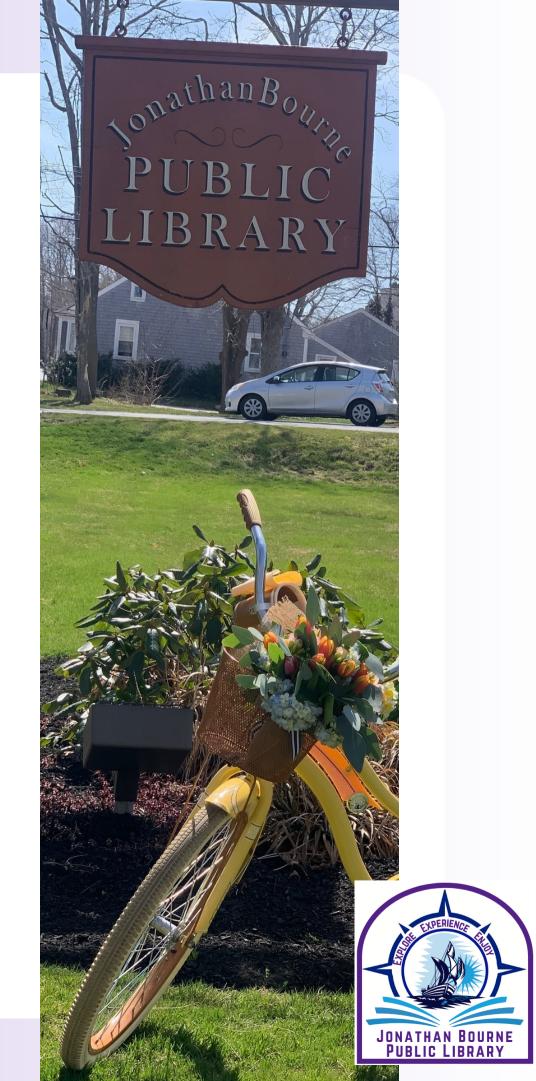
Liz Hartsgrove, Asst. Town Administrator



Recap: Why are we doing this?

Libraries offer services as vibrant and diverse as the community it supports.

Revising our 5-year Strategic Plan will ensure updated goals and objectives astutely and accurately reflect the evolving needs and wants of the community we serves, for years to come.



SWOT Analysis

As a starting point for determining alignment between perceived and actual experiences, the Library Trustees conducted a preliminary SWOT Analysis to evaluate current services being delivered through People, Places and Processes.





Strengths

- Staff
- Children's Programs
- Community Building/Service
- Strong Partnerships

Opportunities

- Reimagining, Branding
- Additional service locations
- Enhance collaboration
- Update use of spaces

Weaknesses

- Geography
- ADA Accessibility
- Parking
- Use of physical space

Threats

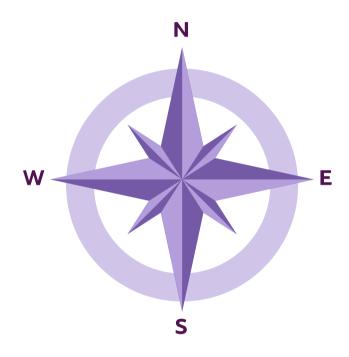
- Becoming outdated
- Cost of Living, Housing
- Aging stakeholders
- Funding instability





Areas of Focus

The findings from the SWOT analysis revealed three core areas of focus which assisted with stakeholder confirmation, shaping the participation plan and ultimately framing content for public input.



Explore

To continue being an important contributor to the quality of life for our community.



Experience

Develop tools that are up-todate and an accurate reflection of our community needs.

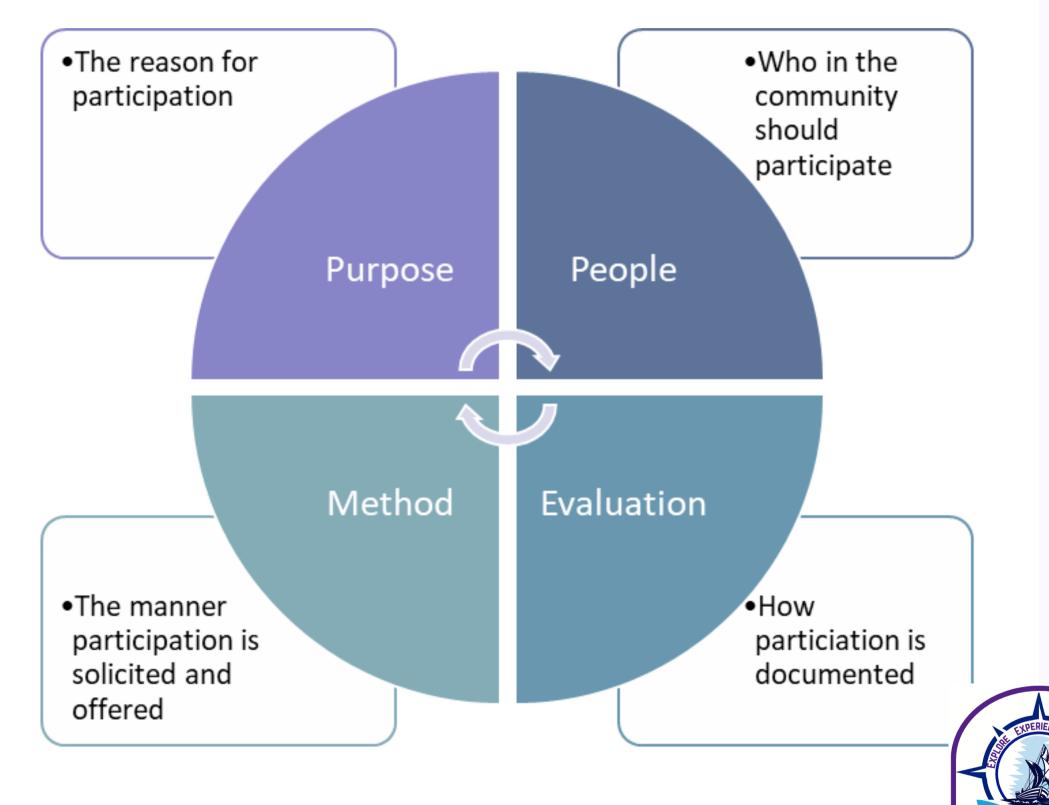


Enjoy

Ensure all ages, backgrounds, needs, and abilities can identify the Bourne library as everyone's Library.



The Public Participation Plan (PPP) followed four cornerstones framing methods for solicitation, invitation and participation to guarantee the primary influencer of the adopted plan is generated from actual community stakeholders and members it serves.





Hearing the Community

5W+H

- Who specifically are the customers;
- What services are they using or not able to use;
- When are they being used or not used;
- Where are they being used or not used, and
- Why are they using or not able to use the services
- How are the services adding value or not.

Survey



Workshops





Survey

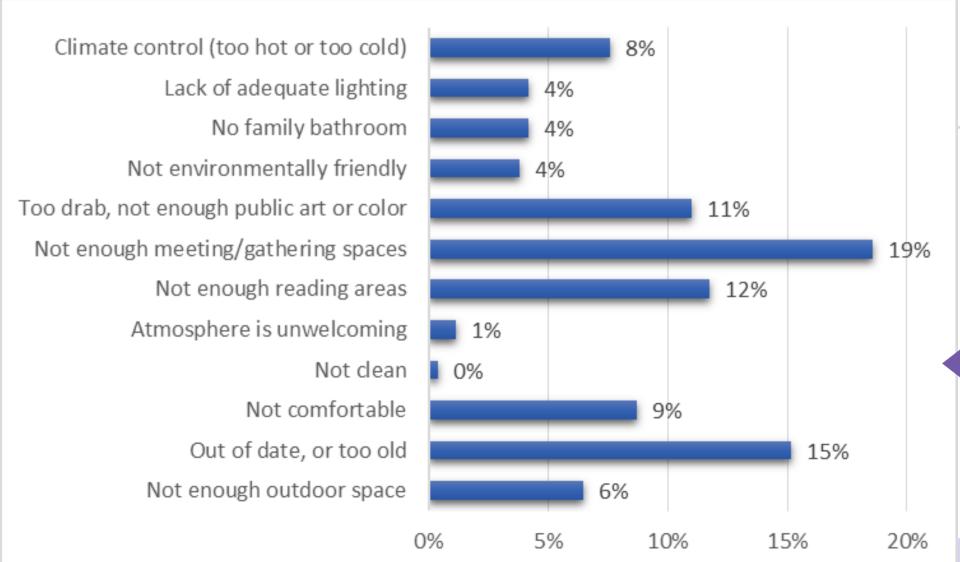
264 Survey Responses Received

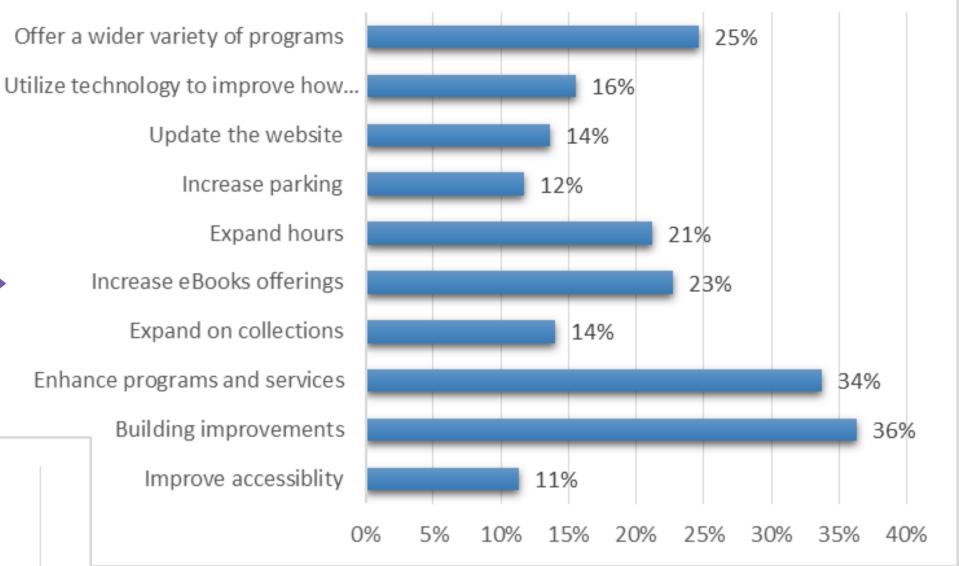
Describe what comes to mind when you think of the Bourne Library as it is today



Survey

What could the Bourne
Library do to better meet
your needs?





How does the building not meet your expectations?

Workshops

2 In-Person

1 Virtual

40 Total Participants





Hearing directly from the stakeholders about actual problems being experienced provided the base for the Trustees in ideating a final vision and goals for the 24-28 Strategic Plan.

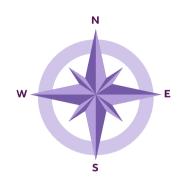




A summary of the input results can be found online



Evaluation



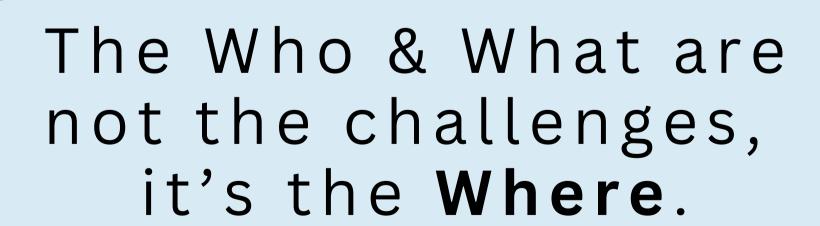




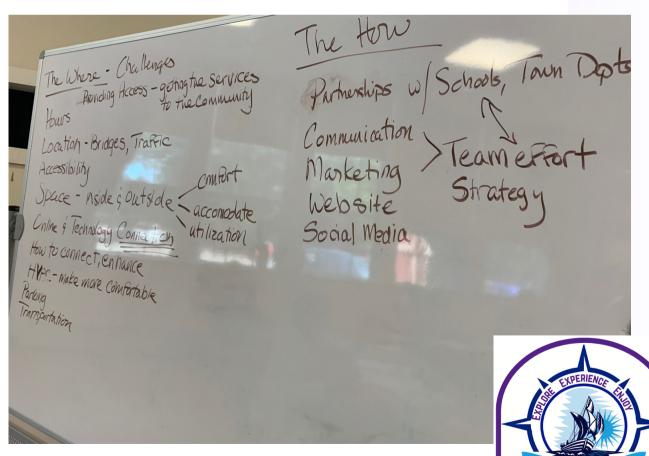
Experience



Centered on the three core areas of focus and the three methods of delivering a service through People, Place and Process, the Trustees identified the most significant challenge and underperforming service area being delivered was through Place.







Plan Overview

The Library must provide exceptional services in an inclusive and accessible manner directly where the customers are.

ACCESSIBILITY



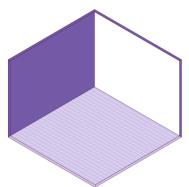


PARKING



HOURS

SPACE(S)



LOCATION(S)





DIGITAL EQUITY



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Explore

GOAL

With a physical divide generated by the canal and bridges, the Jonathan Bourne Public Library provides a community destination connecting everyone through the exploration of learning and sharing.



OBJECTIVES

- O1 Explore opportunities to O2 connect the community by offering mobile or satellite services.
- D2 Explore opportunities to make the entire building accessible for all abilities.
- O3 Explore opportunities to create spaces for various uses inside and outside of the building.

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GOAL

Reinforcing connection, the Jonathan Bourne Public Library provides present and future generations the opportunity to experience collective belonging and community identity established by our rich history.

OBJECTIVES

O1 Experience stronger collaboration between non-profits and town departments.

- Experience a focus on the future while honoring the past, by:
 - retaining historical character;
 - integrating green efficiencies;
 - incorporating technological upgrades;
 and,
 - reimaging spaces that inspire.

Experience services being delivered through place with a comprehensive branding and marketing portfolio depicting the Library's identity.

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Enjoy



GOAL

Looking towards the future, the Jonathan Bourne Public Library is a cultural anchor providing our multi-generational community the enjoyment of accessing a variety of interests.

OBJECTIVES

- Offered in a welcoming and comfortable manner through physical and virtual spaces.
- Enjoy a variety of ways to visit the library by:
 - expanding parking;
 - enhancing public transportation opportunities; and,
 - establishing designated pedestrian and bicycle lanes.

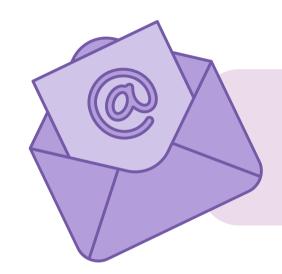
Enjoy in person and virtual programs equally supportive of the needs and wants of our community in all villages.

Next Steps

PUBLIC COMMENT

Draft Plan Online.





Bring to Library or email ifinn@townofbourne.com

September 25th



Or...

Bring comments to Trustee meeting

September 21st and 28th 3PM

ADOPTION OF PLAN September 28th





Questions?

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