

Selected Written Responses on the Etna Library Long Range Planning Survey Survey

Things You Like about Library

Cozy, community, convenient, children's collection, children's programs, helpfulness

Things You Would Change

Access, parking, Saturday programs, upgraded computer

Outdoor reading space and garden

Bicycle parking

Meeting space

More PR

More tables for work space

Things You've Seen At Other Libraries That You Would Like Offered Here

More programs

More room for programs

Chess and Checker tournaments

Display space for local crafts

Summer film series with outdoor projection

Café

Comfy chairs to sit and read

Better hours

Snacks

More computers

Teen area

Ongoing jigsaw puzzle

Better movie selection

More shelf space

Things You Would Like that the Library Does Not Offer Now

Community group meetings

More programs

Easier Seating for Programs

Knitting Group

Connection to the Bird Sanctuary

Bring some of the Howe programs to Etna

Outdoor play space for and space for picnics

Talks by local historians, naturalists, cooks

Large Print

Outdoor multi-purpose seating

Other Comments

nice small library and helpful staff

The Etna Library is a wonderful cornerstone in Etna. May it flourish!

Don't lose the natural flavor

We love the Etna library. It is a wonderful amenity in our small community. Combined with the broader access to the Howe in Hanover, it's just right. Let's make it a little bigger but not huge as it would lose its charm.

Focus on children/Add adult programs

I don't see a need for expansion, keep etna library will minimal services and leverage the Howe for all programming, e-books, tech, etc. It doesn't make sense to put too much town money into 2 library, 10 minutes apart. Identify modest, cost effective goals for etna and deliver that. Leverage Howe for it's strengths

Keep it small! The parking and entrance/bathroom are essential, and perhaps some more shelf space would be good, the rest is expensive and not necessary

More consistent hours

Right now the library's program seems to revolve so much around kids' needs that it's hard to really step back and think about how it could be used to serve the adult population. But in general, if the library could offer a variety of adult programs--music, wildlife landscaping, some municipal meetings, giant group crossword puzzles for seniors, etc--it could be a great venue for building community among those who are not engaged with neighbors through their own children. I think there needs to be a communication plan to get info (like about this survey) out to the broader, rural community. By having the link in school newsletters the results are likely to be skewed towards the needs of that population.

I read in Astronomy magazine last year and made a note to myself that NH Astronomical Society pairs with Libraries to donate a telescope and instructions to further the education of astronomy in the communities. We are so lucky to have a perfect viewing site from Etna. Maybe as part of the libraries expansion we could form a partnership with the NH Astronomical Society. I will look into this and report back

an outdoor area that is multi use would be an excellent addition

Bird watching club

make the library more comfortably inviting-any chance of a gas fireplace, like the reading area at the Howe?

There are so many new "state of the art" libraries around that feel very impersonal. Etna library has such a welcoming, cozy feel which I would hate to see changed. Its part of what makes Etna special.