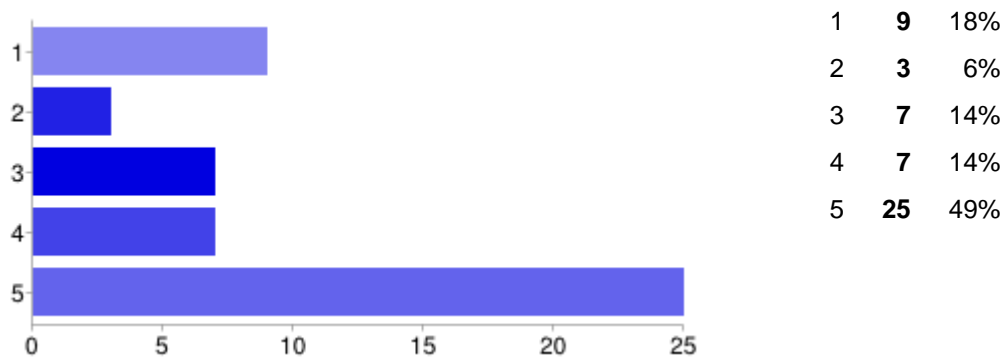


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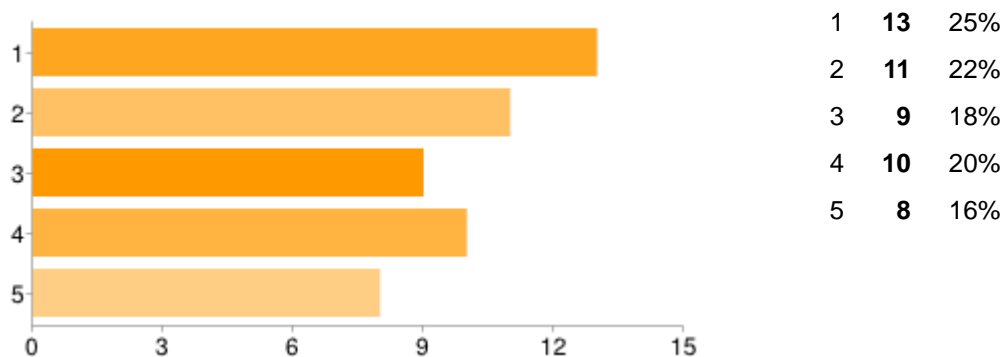
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## Summary

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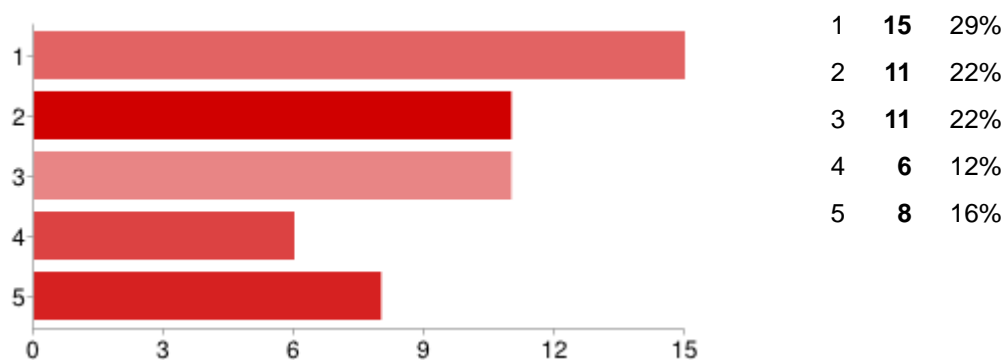


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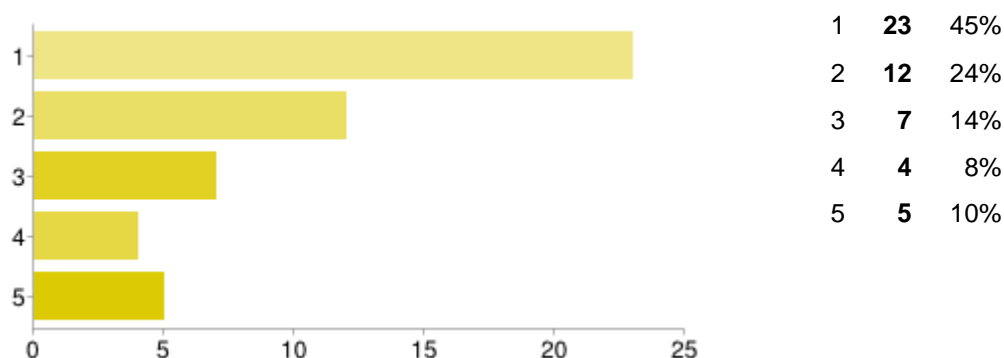


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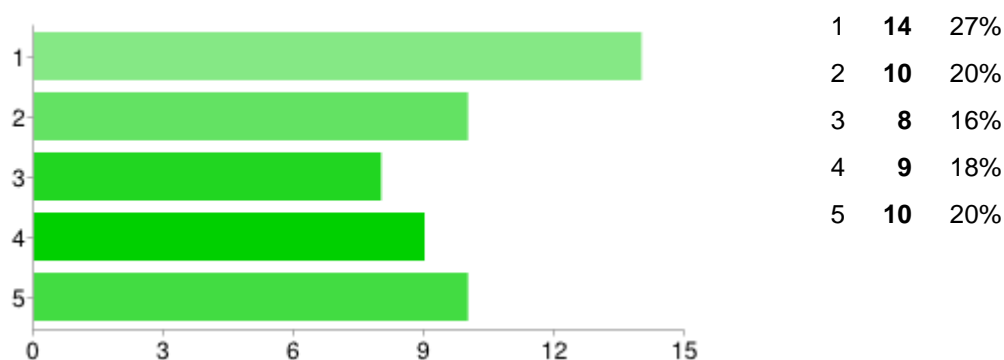
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## General Feedback

**Please write down any additional questions or perspectives you might want the committee to hear or respond to?**

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Station. I would like to see collaboration w/ So. Portland & Scarborough & Portland on programs & I would like to attend. Why limit planning to 25 years? Too short Could we save the facade of at least one historic building? One idea I had for the last go-round was to have a glass facade facing Rt77 & inside have the facade of TML school house inside & lit at night to be seen from Rt77.

## Response Request (optional)

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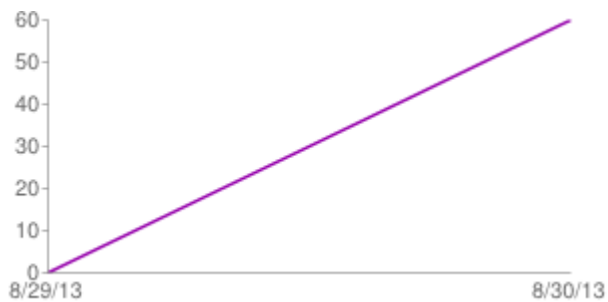
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## Number of daily responses



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8/30/2013 6:21:20	3	2	1	3	1	NA	Concerned that the new building had had meeting rooms that weren't necessary. Prefer to use other bldgs for larger meetings that aren't used that often anyway - CEHS Auditorium, HS & MS Cafeterias, Police Station. I would like to see collaboration w/ So. Portland & Scarborough & Portland on programs & would like to attend. Recognize that fewer books will be needed to be housed in the future. Access to info is far greater now than when library was built. Now the need is to remember and learn about the past - the history of the community - farms, lobster, etc. And to learn about other cultures and the rest of the world, through great use of technology and great programming. Space for displays of art, museum/historical society. New England Style. Smaller footprint. Better outdoor spaces to gather. Historical preservation (1. the front & cupola & 2. the old school part of the building) - More places to "plug in" computers, more desks. - Reupholster or replace some chairs; some are in DISREPAIR - Regulate the HEAT. - IN the library (not from some remote location) - Teen Room is too small.							
8/30/2013 6:27:54	5	1	4	2	3	welcoming community center... past & future... access to information								
8/30/2013 6:35:51	4	3	1	5	2	NA	I think buildings like the SoPo library are UGLY/COLD. I LIKE the building - needs some repairs of course. Librarians Rachel, Kevin, Joyce & the other staff do wonderful work (with what they have) Why aren't planning to 25 years? Too short	Carolyn Vetro		cvsacrone@gmail.com				
8/30/2013 6:40:53	4	5	2	3	1	Stay focused on learning tools & usage - use other bldgs for LARGE meetings. We don't need 1 a HUGE new bldg - use others too.	Could we save the facade of at least one historic building? One idea I had for the last go-round was to have a glass facade facing R077 & inside have the facade of TML school house inside & it at night to be seen from R077.							
8/30/2013 6:53:31	5	5	2	4	4	Span of ages, diverse formats (esp. technology as a criteria). (No #1 choice - no statement meets my criteria)	I think a library should be a repository and a gateway to information. I would use the library to research information such as crafts, how-to-books, travel locations and activities, history. I'd like staff that would help (and teach) me find that information. e.g. Using the various catalogs, how to search the internet for papers, and connect to other libraries. I'm not as interested in events, Community Services already sponsors activities, why not add more cultural events through that center. There are already large meeting areas in the school facilities. Overall, I think our current library program is overemphasizing the purpose & mandate, with duplication of existing programs and catering to the wants of a minority of residents. I would drop a lot of the cultural and reading programs by limiting the size of the building, you would limit the number of programs offered, forcing prioritization.							
8/30/2013 6:58:54	5	1	2	3	3	WELCOMING Community Center: if we create 4 that kind of space, it will attract participants.	Fund Raising other than raising taxes - Inviting younger generations for ideas of the future of the library - architect from Maine & ideas that they would have - more community roundtable discussions.							
8/30/2013 7:03:12	3	2	5	1	4	Community-gathering/all ages, interests, books	Young people as part of process... Community Center/Historical Society/Museum/Gallery... Books/Technology							
8/30/2013 7:05:08	3	2	5	1	4	Community-gathering/all ages, interests, books	Young people as part of process... Community Center/Historical Society/Museum/Gallery... Books/Technology							
8/30/2013 7:13:44	5	1	2	4	3	Present & future = flexibility	Pros & Cons of the building, if nothing changes - gardens - antiquated building - bathrooms - historic building - come up to the present like Pond Cove School, like the design of Pond Cove room - rehabilitate child's space - Reading groups - used to that space - hard to access space - of course the library needs to [must?] change - old Building - library cafe							
8/30/2013 7:18:42	5	5	5	1	1	I think the library should draw as many people as possible from the community through the provision of different programs, offices for Town boards (such as the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society). Library programs should cross age & interests. Handicapped accessible & a great parking for older residents. Buildings do not inspire lifelong learning - passion, survival & hope do, but a library well-designed, with vision & aesthetics, will serve us and the community (ideal for years and decades) to come. * Please do NOT public chalette (s) with the community, as soon as possible.	- areas of library which would generate income for the library - permanent book sale area, art sale area, perhaps staffed by different groups which could share funds with the library.							
8/30/2013 7:23:10	2	4	5	3	2	NA								
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8/30/2013 7:25:43	1	3	2	3	1	NA								
8/30/2013 7:28:16	5	2	2	1	2	"beyond from statement 1) I think staff is well trained and if they worked under excellent conditions in a functional building, this will not even be a question to be considered.	* Recognize that the library is a key COMMUNITY space. Offer opportunities for cross-generation and cross-cultural interaction. * Office space key * Programming for all ages. * Middle school work and social spaces * coordinate services with school libraries (I like the idea of creating a campus feel w/ schools.) * outdoor reading & meeting spaces.							
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8/30/2013 7:35:01	5	4	2	1	1	We have very skilled & competent staff. They need to be more motivated by a facility workable & attractive!								
8/30/2013 7:36:33	1	3	1	2	2	To me, these are all "1s" - impossible to rank. These should all be included in the town library's MISSION STATEMENT								
8/30/2013 7:37:58	1	1	1	1	1		Build carbon neutral/Net Zero/LEED Silver minimum - Address surrounding: outside/school/street - create/reinforce town center - augment existing services - build creative space = maker space/computer lab/reading space - partner with CELT for programs							
8/30/2013 7:45:10	4	1	3	2	2	5 Bringing Community together/share ideas	* PLEASE HIRE A MAINE-BASED ARCHITECT.	John Charette	5 Wilton Lane					
8/30/2013 7:45:49	4	1	1	1	1	3 NA								
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8/30/2013 8:01:00	3	2	5	1	4	4 NA	Personally, no attachment to building as currently exists. Current needs & interest groups: "kids, parents, adults, "seniors" (plug-in/recharge wireless) "group meeting, "performances/display/exhibit/community center (book clubs, quilting, political talks, historical society) Structure of building - flexible							
8/30/2013 8:10:26	5	4	3	2	2	Questions not composed in a way to make answer 1 clear, e.g. "available community resources"	"library" university of the future - on line courses support							
8/30/2013 8:11:09	5	4	3	2	2	Very difficult to answer this								
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8/30/2013 8:50:18	5	3	1	2	4	My first four choices all feel a bit interchangeable. I really think they are all important & I can't rank them!				
8/30/2013 8:51:09	1	1	1	1	1	All are important - poorly chosen phrasing (Underlined phrase in Statement #1: excellent customer service, staff training, informal communication, focal point for community dialog & sharing of ideas)				
8/30/2013 8:53:36	1	1	1	1	1	4. All Important... For all ages!				
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8/30/2013 9:12:10	5	5	5	5	5	Frame building on the Lot next to Town Hall. Inspire life-long learning, advance knowledge & strengthen our community.				
8/30/2013 9:13:28	1	1	1	1	1	3. NA				
8/30/2013 9:13:58	5	2	4	1	1	5. NA				
8/30/2013 9:14:37	2	5	5	5	5	5. NA				
8/30/2013 9:20:31	4	5	3	2	1	I want practical goals: affordable, flexible, for younger generation. Emphasis on technology, children's wing, light spaces to read. Preserve green property - make building charming. New England, fitting in w/ other Cape architecture in scale & feel.				
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