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Would you support offsite programs/services located within Cape?

YES. Why not use the town hall chambers or HS auditorium for large scale programs (i.e. readings, lectures, performances). No need to replicate these spaces in the library.

Do not break up library services to separate venues. That would not be a money-saving alternative.

Yes, but the basement community room doesn't appear to be used much.

Yes, we have plenty of existing underutilized space in Cape

do you mean "would I be willing to pay?" Unclear. Depends what & where. Maybe.

I support any kind of programming, however, it ceases to be library programming if it is not at the library.

If programs are library related, they should take place in library

yes, at community svcs rooms

Are these programs already being offered thur community services?

No. It is a small town and we could actually merge with SoPo.

No we have community services with paid courses, again do not burden the taxpayers with extra programs - it's a library not a technical college

yes - combined with Community Services perhaps

I like the idea of one community gathering area with multiple purposes, not offsite location and services

At community services perhaps.

Yes, but would really like to see it all in one building....

Absolutely. We have many spaces already available for use

At community services building or High School

Yes, you should also be a resource for computers etc. when national disasters hit

Yes, but I think the current locaion is great

Yes, collaboration is essential for this and next question.

I would leave these to Community Services to continue and/or develop with input from the library staff, rather than add yet another group to potentially duplicate services.

no - I do not see my family using those listed above

Would you support offsite programs/services co-funded and occasionally located in neighboring communities?

Yes, if convenient, ie SoPo library yes, Scarborough, no.

More likely to attend programming in Cape than elsewhere

I encourage collaboration between communities, but I sense underlying this question is the notion that "we can save space needs if we can rely on 'co-sponsoring' programs at another location." I find this notion terribly short-sighted and would contribute to a diminishment of our own library. Collaborative partnerships - yes, "let them do it so we don't have to" - no

yes (Cape, SP, Scar could partner to do a Southern Maine digital libraryl, share the costs)

only occasionally. i feel that the library is a cape community resource, and if i have to go to another community for my library activities, then i am not building my cape community. my children are no longer in school in cape, so the schools do not provide me a major sense of community. i do go to the portland public library and some of their activities, but that is not my cape community.

would have to be a good topic

yes, but would still like to see a strong CE library which is busy with activities day and evenings

Depending on need and draw

Depends on what the service is and TML can't handle it alone

No-don't see a need

Not sure; would want to hear more about this idea.

Support but not likely to attend

Yes. It would be wise to partner with other libraries.

unsure what you mean by "offsite programs"

If it were something significant one town could not do alone.

less likely to do so

yes but not at our taxpayers expense - try to obtain a federal grant; use it like inter-library loaning

yes -collaboration of resources would be nice

Depends on connection. Would make sense if done to offer something special to a wider audience.

Sounds good in theory but probably not in reality.

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Possibly depending where but as I get older I can see trouble with commuting again probably not since I do not see a need for them

Would you attend? Why or why not?

Yes. Could give us a broader range of offerings than we can afford ourselves.

Maybe, but not as often as if I could go to the TML to get the same thing.

For programs in Cape, geared towards our kindergartener, then probably would attend.

Yes, if it interested us and fit our home schedule.

Would very much depend on the program. Prefer such programs to run out of the library though.

distance, lack of convenience

yes, if it is of interest to me

Walking or biking to the library is an attraction

Really depends, the location of the library is key to its use.

I like to attend programs where there is ample parking and 10 minutes from home. Convenience is important.

I don't have time

depends on cost, what it is, how cold or dark it is outside, etc. If it was a foreign film of the month night, yes!

In Cape, yes. Outside, it depends. Part of what I enjoy about library events is the community aspect

depends on what the program is

Yes, if subject was of interest to me.

yes, if of interest to me

It depends on the program, but, as indicated above, I get the sense that these questions are motivated by the idea that space needs for the library can be spared if space elsewhere can be used. Pursuing this would harm the library's identity and position in the community as a point of pride. Without these activities, the library will become - as, unfortunately, so many seem to think it is, simply a building full of books. This is counter to what every other library I am aware of is doing, and would reflect terribly on our community.

yes, we would attend for support of such programs and new knowledge to keep up with the times.

It would depend on the content

no, should not be taxpayer funded

yes - of course it depends on the program

Yes, if in evening and of interest.

Like you mentioned - these are discretionary budget issues

yes because i believe in supporting surrounding communities as well

Yes, depending on the pertinence to my needs.

I don't look to my library for those functions. Libraries should focus on lending books; other organizations perform those other functions.

Why are these not part of our existing adult/community ed program (i.e. Community Services)?

Yes, older children

Depends on the topic and time offered

most likely to attend programs at the library, both to gain from the program and to meet and spend time with other people from my cape community.

No--you are seeking "wants" and not "needs"

If relevant to family needs, I would attend.

No; local is easiest

I often hope to plan to and then am not able to fit it into my schedule

Distance.

Depending on interest of offering, would attend

Seems like overlap with community services and what they offer

possibly - would love to, but busy with school-age kids

No because again, if I want to take a class I will pay for it at cape community services or at Smcc

No I highly doubt any of these services/ programs would be of interest to me

Yes-if it was a topic of interest to me.

yes, if there is something interesting going on

I would attend if topic was of interest

No. I seldom go to the library.

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If I could, time is challenging when raising kids but after I would be more likely to attend

Probably not in other communities

would all depend on content and scheduling

Would attend in comfortable meeting space

yes, we enjoyed the outdoor evening entertainment on the lawn

I would attend cofounded services in town only. Would probably not drive to a neighboring town for most events

Yes, if it was a topic that interested me.

maybe, depending on the content

Possibly, if the subject interested me.

Taxes too high, only a few use library

yes if the topic was of interest

Not needed

Not sure without specifics of content and cost

Would prefer to attend in Cape

sharing event resources with other towns weakens the community feel

Would not attend

Yes, I would attend.. I would need to have my needs met, need the resources....

Yes, if they were in abutting communities and advertised so we know about them

Pretty busy already

Perhaps. It would depend on program.

I'm sure I would be interested in attending. Lots of great things could be offered. I don't think I would take time to attend.

Probably, depending on subject.

perhaps.

Yes, intellectually stimulating programming is worth traveling for

maybe, if it wasn't too far away(south portland)

I'd have to REALLY be interested in the program to travel for it

yes - for self improvement

Yes, depending on what was offered.

Certainly.... if it was something I was interested in.

more likely to attend in Cape simply due to time constraints

probably not because we have plenty of course offerings through community services or at least make them a fee class so the entire community isn't shouldering the expense

probably not...no time with work and kids

Depends on what is offered.

Would attend if there was interest in the program

Possibly, depending on when they are offered

yes, if it was interesting to me

yes... but i would have to be interested in topic

depends on accessibility and quality of programming

Prefer ease of getting too and from current location

Yes- great experience for the kids

No - I prefer to attend the many performing arts offerings available in Portland.

If topics were of interest

unlikely at this stage in my life - no time to dedicate to these activities

not at this time in my life...busy with my kids

yes - if the program was interesting

depends on programming

Yes, because it would be a way of learning as well as furthering sense of community

Depends on the topic

Probably not. Inconvenient.

yes-great cultural opportunities with low cost and close to home

Probably not. I don't like to go off site, and I really don't like to leave Cape Elizabeth

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These options for film series, lectures and technology instruction already exists close by in Portland, and through Community Services. Trying to sell the library renovation as a way to make it a "cultural center", a community center, a performance center, etc. is why it was rejected in the last vote, in my opinion.

yes, if we have a better meeting space it will draw a lot interest

I would attend only if the subject was interesting.

Yes - expanding cultural opportunities

I guess when I need to find something out I use books and the internet. I have not heard of library sponsored "lectures" that are of import to me - sorry

I might want to, but I often am too busy!

Yes, if the programs were worthwhile and met my needs.

If topics were of interest, I would attend

depends on what it is, when it is, where it is

Yes/depends on subject

yes - especially during the long winter.

Yes, always interested in new opportunities for growth and learning

Yes - spaces need to be multi-use - and efficient

yes - the free concert series is great!

maybe depends on subject

Yes if the subject was of interest to me

I want programming and services at my own library