

Atherton Public Library

March 6 meeting

7-9 PM

1st comment/question segment

- What is the data on how many people use the current Atherton Library?
 - Over 9800 current Atherton Public Library card holders
 - ~~31,000~~over 73,000 visits /year
 - Over 121,000 items circulated

Current Library is 4790 square feet. 6000 square feet. About 4600 usable space

Zone Area

Entry 150 SF

Marketplace 490 SF

Service Points (Self and Assisted) 200 SF

Technology 150 SF

Children's Collection 172 SF

Children's Seating 263 SF

Adult Collection 1,029 SF

Seating 400 SF

Teen Collection 25 SF

Teen Seating 115 SF

Staff 1200 SF

Building Support Space 596 SF

●—Total Building 4790 SF

- Assessment for new Library is 11,000 square feet
- How big is the Menlo Park library?

Group 1

- Welcoming reading area separate from children's area
- Look out to nice views with garden
- Wow factor for outside space
- Large table for working
- Technology
- Low maintenance/sustainable
- Sense of community/common areas to gather
- Serenity – but not secret hideouts

Group 2

- Multi-purpose room with lots of flexibility. Tutoring space for study
- Open/light filled space to look out. Windows opening up to out door area. Area where can walk outside
- Displays highlighting current events/Holidays
- Computer area/listening area with headphones
- Children's area
- Creative/good use of space

Group 3

- Technology is important should be a significant focus on server room. Able to connect with library from home and download materials. Where technology and liberal arts meet
- Depends on where library is located in considering design
- Building should have flexible spaces

Second Questions/ Comments segment

- Less utilitarian library, more focus on creating community. Need a social gathering place in an inviting environment.
- Library space should be a community hub
- Need physical transition space from inside to outside, a sheltered area
- Library as a draw not just a community center
- Want Oak tree and open space looking out on older, historical area
- Should be inspiring including history of Atherton with lots of innovation
- Need to capture common points of
 - Flexible space
 - Light filled with pleasant view
 - Separate children's area
 - Sense of community
- What is most important in the building? Can we separate different functional areas?
- Importance of technology and innovation
- Portal to separate areas
- Engine room/tech room open so public can see how it works
- History of Atherton showcased

Next Steps

- Library Steering Committee has website for additional feedback
 - albscfeedback@ci.atherton.ca.us
- next meeting will be March 22
- selection of Design Architect
- reporting back to community in late spring
- on-line questionnaire
- local newspaper will be contacted
- collage boards will be posted
- Draft EIR will be available in late March. There will be a 45 day comment period
- Finalized in late fall
- Can send notices to people who have signed up
- Different types of meetings will be explored to reach broader cross section
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