

Proposed New Library Projects Belleville Area District Library

Community Design Workshop

Conducted April 30, 2011 10:00 am

Brainstorming Session Summary

Comments from attendees at the first design workshop included the following:

1. Space for lecture groups
2. Cultural Center
3. Art display – Gallery space, display local artist
4. Gathering space for the community
5. Flexible meeting rooms, subdividable into smaller rooms
6. Electronics media (digital), design for flexibility, accommodate transition to downloaded A/V
7. New England commons? Shared space / site with other entities?
8. Coordination with school libraries?
9. A/V production room, space for content creation
10. Drive-up / Pick-up / return
11. ADA Covered access from parking / drop off zone
12. Sunday hours
13. Lighting, good quality, proper contrast ratios,
14. Incorporate images of the community, reflect local surroundings
15. Restrained but obvious & welcoming entrance.
16. Sound suppression system at acoustically sensitive areas (Visteon Building)

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17. Keep it Simple (KISS principal), Form follows function
18. Library should be focal point of community
19. Less urban, reflect Belleville area
20. Curved
21. Wood
22. Context of Community –
 - a. Lake
 - b. Farming
 - c. Warm, welcoming
 - d. Technology – Willow Run Bomber plant, Ford, Edison
 - e. Landscaping
23. Rural looking
24. Traditional ratio of wall / window
25. Outdoor commons space
26. Youth programs: Art, music, reading
27. Good natural light with window control, for glare, direct sun & contrast while reading
28. Sustainability: value driven decisions, passive solar, energy efficiency
29. Coffee shop?
30. Full service kitchen for programs
31. Staff “only” area, break room
32. Self check out capability, self service holds
33. Garden area
34. Space for Friends books sales
35. Living room of the community