

Question 4:

100 responses submitted

Are there any services or resources that you would like to see at the current library that it does not already have? (Optional question)



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More space More power privacy. More than education programs

programming space that can be utilized during the day

More space with more private nooks or corners versus one big open space. Better accessibility More information about community resources, book clubs, history programs

More space to meet friends.

Library of things, workshops on skills such as technology literacy

Space in the library (not the log cabin as that is owned by the Cable Natural History Museum and may not always be available and would not be rebuilt, in the event of a fire) for library programs and community meetings.

Meeting space that can accommodate at least 15 people. Access to multi-media equipment that can be used for community presentations. Have the Library be the convener of "community conversations" that allow an exchange of ideas and perspectives when considering improvements to Cable.

None

more community gatherings

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meeting space, temporary office space (ie more professional for work from home)

No

tech education/help

movies, cozy reading space for all ages

None

Speakers, monthly thought provoking gathering

Sufficient space to offer programming during regular hours of operation. Sufficient space to enable patrons to use tech services the library already owns (also during regular hours of operation) such as podcasting equipment, professional scanner, tools to convert video files to digital files...as well as other tech tools such as a large format printer, etc.

Quiet and private working space with wifi would be great.

Meeting spaces

We would enjoy weekday storytime for preschool age kids.

Tech support

More comments from question 4:

Many of us don't have cell phone coverage when in Cable. A landline pay phone would be useful. Guided book discussions.

Wall space that could be used for art shows.

More frequent children's programs

I am happy with the service offered and the lovely staff.

A dedicated conference room.

Nothing in particular

A small video podcasting studio

More author /poetry readings throughout the year. A program for acoustic music like the NPR Tiny Desk concerts .

Community conversations on topics impacting our community.

A dedicated children's area, please!

no

Children's programming has potential but needs more regularity and better marketing so people show up. In Hayward, their children's events (on Saturday mornings, for instance) get 50+ kids.

Question 6:

Considering question number five, are there any areas/features that were not listed that you would like to see in the new library expansion building...

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flexible meeting office space/area gallery space
library expansion Outdoor space Space for these activities meeting room
space in the expansion library log cabin library activities
log building community meeting building
quiet space space large meeting space
Modern libraries

Accessibility. Electronic doors throughout. Wheelchair access. Windows to left in light and connect indoor and outdoor. Artwork

Programming/community meeting space is currently supposed to be in the log cabin. The CNHM owns this building and has said it would not be rebuilt in the event of fire, etc. Then the library would have no programming/meeting space.

Perhaps a small gallery space (or open wall) for art installations, bulletin of community cultural activities.

Library program/community meeting space in the expansion. Space for these activities is not guaranteed long-term in the log cabin.

Currently the log cabin will be the library/community meeting space as there is none in the most current plan.

Larger meeting space that can accommodate at least 15 people

Screen in a meeting room for public or private movie viewing.

Since I am in Cable only at the cabin, I use the library mainly to occasionally borrow a book and more frequently to borrow DVDs.

Please keep the current bathroom

video podcasting equipment in the media lab

No

Outdoor reading areas

no

No

community events bulletin board

No

large meeting space/area

Outdoor space for library activities. Love the book house.

Do not need the library expansion

I adore the current log building and I like reading there, near the fire. The expansion should be used for staff offices and meeting spaces and computer stations. The old building is utterly charming.

Would like there to be a flexible meeting space large enough to accommodate a group of, say, 30 and/or an exercise/movement class. Would like this space to include a small kitchen, to allow for both hospitality and cooking classes, which are popular in libraries elsewhere.

Not sure of features other than making the entire facility a very very quiet space. Modern libraries have lost that.

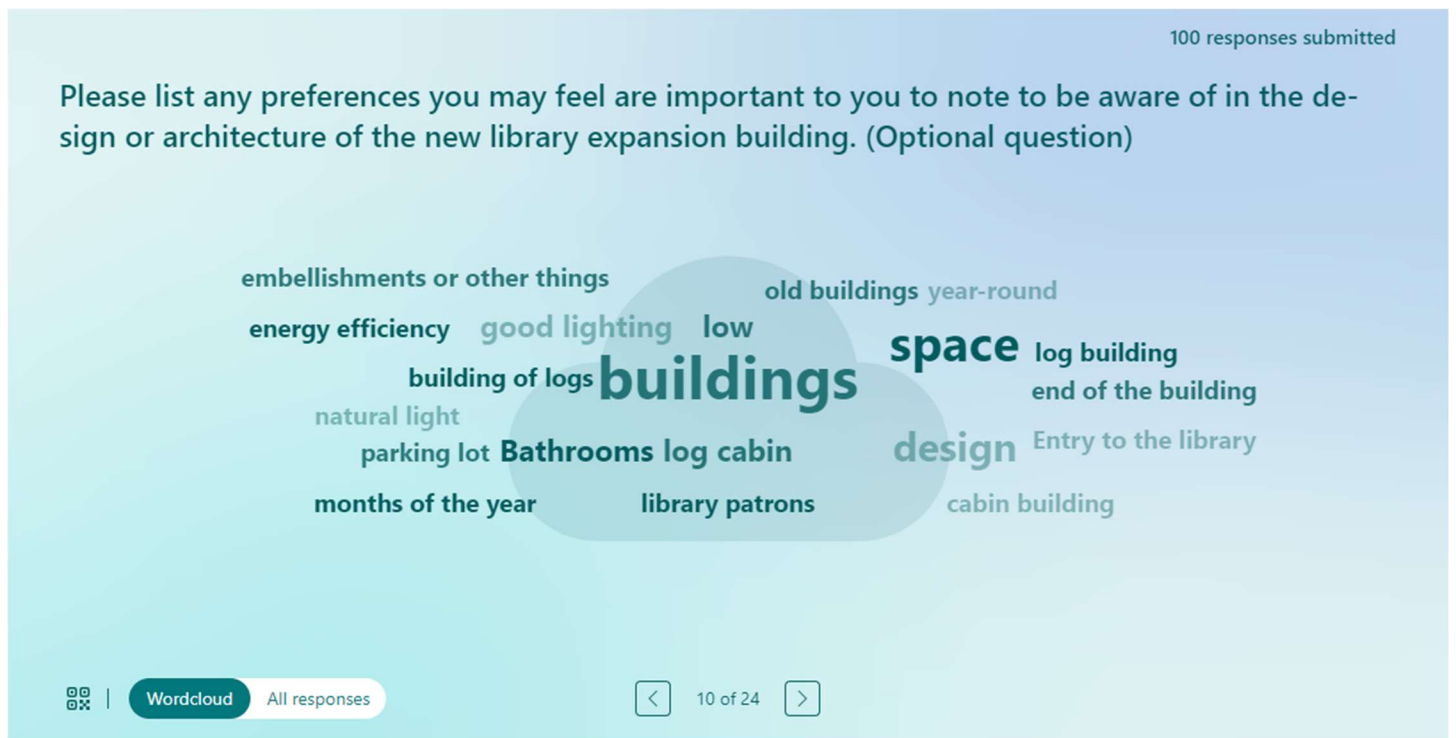
outdoor seating

No

Outdoor patio w/shade and rain protection, and electricity, better bathrooms

Director's private office space

Question 10:



"fitting in" with the historical and cultural nature of our community

I'd love a modern take on the Northwoods theme without looking like a moose lodge.

Having ample natural light via windows would be desirable.

Windows

Good signage

Do not design it with a flat roof! I would really like to see a companion building of logs.

None

I hope it's designed with energy efficiency in mind - are solar panels too much to expect? I also hope it's connected thematically in some way to the log cabin building.

Comfortable reading chairs

Leave the old log cabin as a community gathering spot - reading, small meetings.

Accessible restrooms

While I am not to n need, I strongly believe that it be accessible to all

cost should be low and no impact on taxes

Timeless design, not trendy, reflection of a rural north woods setting

preserve log cabin building; windows

Accessibility to rest room

Bathrooms, drinking fountain, enclosed vestibule

Maintain a Northwoods feel exterior.

space to accommodate all people that visit, something that is of interest to the whole community

Good lighting

None- Not in favor of expansion

As stated earlier, the log building is utterly charming. I would like to see every building construction detail preserved as it's a time capsule of when it was built. The graphic for the expansion is misleading as it doesn't show the old building to be LOG. It looks like siding and it doesn't even look like the current building.

Accessibility low maintenance environmentally kind materials good lighting and sound design

Prefer that things that directly benefit patrons year-round be the priority. Not exterior embellishments or other things that can only be utilized a few months of the year and are unlikely to be used by the majority of library patrons.

Please really make it accessible with easy to open doors, items within reach including sinks, soap, towels

Keep it cute and charming!!!

Design that allows for flexibility 10+ years into the future, flow that encourages functional use of both new and old buildings, some sort of integration with museum campus

The priority should be things that will benefit library patrons year-round, rather than exterior embellishments and things only available a few months during the year that could also be utilized by other groups.

Meet the community needs for at least 20 years.

Addressing wheelchair accessibility, space between book shelves should allow a wheelchair (or a walker) to turn around...it is inappropriate (maybe even illegal) to not allow this

Children's safety--secure area NOT located next to adult bathrooms with access to the parking lot, enough space to turn wheelchairs and walkers around without having to go to the end of an aisle, privacy when using the copy machine (not next to or blocking the front entry).

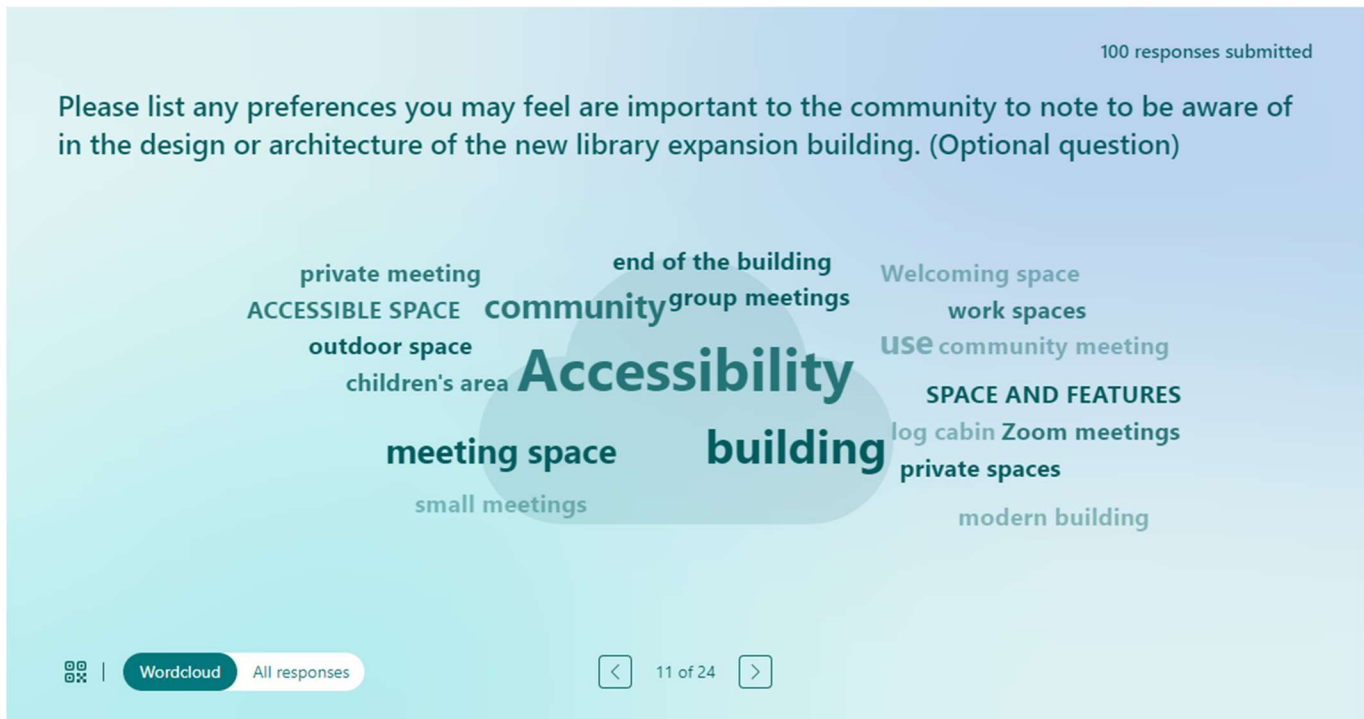
From first discussion of this project, the Town of Cable has planned to create a municipal parking lot to the north of the expansion facility. Both as a convenience for library users and to reduce traffic on the section of County M that holds the library/Cable Natural History Museum, etc. Entry to the library from this parking lot should be attractive, welcoming and easier to access than any other entrance. (if one is coming to the library in a vehicle.) I have mobility issues. If the walking distance from parking lot to entry is as currently planned, I will continue to enter from the County M side because of proximity. I also feel it is very important that the north end of the building be more than bathrooms, facilities and storage with an exit only. For one thing, given proximity to children's area, this is a safety concern. I would very much like to see a community space located at the north end of the building, to provide important services and to be able to offer programming events during regular hours of operation.

outdoor space

Good natural light, good ventilation, energy efficiency, low off gassing materials, healthy materials used in general

GOOD LIGHTING, big beautiful windows of the outside, maintenance of original library structure (and letting patrons in it), quiet and loud areas, lots of cosy comfy nooks and crannies, nothing too industrial feeling (ie the Hayward library just feels cavernous and the can lights make it feel harsh)

Question 11:



Same as number 10 ACCESSIBLE SPACE AND FEATURES

Services to year-round residents

ADA Accessibility

Ample meeting space, accessibility esp for aging community members (lighting, acoustics, pathways, etc)

see question 10

The children's area should not be located adjacent to or near an exit to ensure child safety

Accessibility and multiple use spaces

Make it look cool and inviting.

Room(s) for small group meetings would be desirable.

Wall space for art shows

None

Protection from ice on entry. Hand rails into the building

Please don't make it an ugly, impersonal cookie cutter modern building. I'm so tired of every new school, clinic and government building in my home county looking the same, with the same dull helvética signage.

Leave the old log cabin as a community gathering spot - reading, small meetings.

Accessibility

Please make the current library relevant and the corridor friendly so it is not isolated from activity

If possible, please consider adding outdoor space ie: screened area, benches, chairs. The fireplace is unique and would be so nice to have some sort of fireplace as well

I see a need for internet access and private spaces for people to take phone/Zoom meetings.

cost should be low and no impact on taxes

Timeless design, not trendy, reflection of a rural north woods setting

Funding for adequate staffing

same as question 10

Welcoming space

None

See my answer to question 10.

I would suggest that my answers to #10 apply here, as well. It would be helpful to decrease traffic on that section of County M, especially during busy summer hours. The North end of the building should contain an easily accessible and welcoming entrance to encourage use of that municipal parking lot. Patrons of this library deserve to be able to attend programming events during regular business hours...not after hours or elsewhere.

connectivity to town

Design with older and disabled folks in mind.

exterior complements the log cabin and fits in with the CNHM campus

Large enough community room

Maintain the quaintness and charm.

Accessibility, place for children and adults, we definitely need more/better community meeting spaces, co-and solo work spaces

Easy entry access (not having to traverse half the building to go inside), safety in the children's area in regards to adults having to pass through to use the restroom as well as having an exit right there for a snatch and grab (happens everywhere), enough room to turn around a walker or wheelchair in the stacks without having to go to the end of the aisle, private meeting spaces for business or group meetings

What technology would you like to see offered at the library? (Optional question)



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All responses



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High speed internet, printing

Meeting owl. Lots of outlets.

AV equipment for meetings, supports for people with impairments, high speed wifi

A greater use of the currently owned technology would be desired

Wifi

Computer refresher courses for important new software

Internet and individual meeting spaces

Answers to random tech questions.

Good wifi

Internet access

Ability to show movies or stream shows for a group

Macintosh computers

Neutral

Internet access

Printer and photocopy access

Wifi

Printer & scanner

A community video/audio podcasting space. I have the equipment now and would be willing to help.

tablets, self check-out kiosks, etc

Computers , online, etc

Xerox machine

Free WiFi, computers, printer, scanner

current offerings are sufficient

3D printer

Hi Speed Internet and ;large screen video

classes for older adults for online safety, facebook, finance

Computers

To stay current with technology

I appreciate computer help

Free WiFi

I would like the library to be able to use some of the tech tools it already has but lacks the space to use. Tech is something that is going to keep evolving, quickly. Budget enough tech\$ annually to stay abreast of useful trends as they emerge.

Printer

Virtual Reality learning

3 d printing, wifi, copy/fax, computers

Tech help for seniors

Printing

Computers, tablets, WiFi, scanners, printers, 3D printer could be fun but honestly a pain, sustainability stuff with learning abilities ie solar panels with description or why.

What types for programs or events would you like to see offered at the library that have not yet been offered or not been offered in some time? (Optional question)



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Book clubs, information about community programs and benefits like health and financial assistance

Featured speaker(s) on community relevant topics

Individual questions answered on computer programs

Community conversations

Schedules games/puzzles and game space.

Movie night, book club, game night

No new ideas

Weekly yoga, chair yoga.

art demos, poetry readings, spoken word, small dramas, game room (quiet card or board games)

technical support

none

I liked the reptile program last summer. Poor marketing though made it under-attended.

No clue

Outdoor programs
Yoga, social security,
movies
Community co-sponsored event
Keep politics out off the library
Tech-help specific sessions at regular times during regular hours where one-on-one tech assistance is available. Movie/doc viewing, if it could be during regular business hours. Would be good to offer Aging Mastery classes again. Community Conversations were a great way for local individuals to share their interests and expertise...and sometimes trip slide. While not all were well attended, many were.
Movies, tech support
None
Bookclubs during daylight hours

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Are there any specific topics or themes you are interested in for library events? (Optional question)



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Literature. Local history. Public health aging disability

Local history

The environment, silent sport, history of the area.

See question 12

Economic development; long-term tourism strategies

community and state historical

Art appreciation.

Environment and silent sport activities

History programs

No new ideas

no

Nope

painting, arts, board games, social gathering activities

Local history

I love author events and think the partnership with Redbery to bring regional authors to Cable works well.

No, thanks.

Are there any community groups or organizations that you think should be consulted about the design of the new library expansion or building needs? (Optional question)



Previous question



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Elders, low-income, parents

The Cable history museum.

Museums, CARE, county extension

The Cable Plan Commission should be consulted, especially as there is a new Town of Cable Comprehensive Plan available, as well as a new Bayfield County Comprehensive Plan. The library is a community hub so the expansion should serve to enhance our communities and county. Since the towns of Cable and Namakagon own the lot the expansion will be built on as well as the building, they need to be involved.

The towns of Cable and Namakagon will own the buildings, so they should be involved.

Plan Commission (library design should strive to meet Comp Plan goals)
Drummond School District for input on the children's area
Representatives from community book clubs for ideas to provide books and locations for discussion opportunities

Schools in area, retirement homes

primary, secondary students and young adults. They are the future of both the library and community

Birkie

Schools, Birkie Foundation

No ideas

No specific groups, but the community as a whole.

both museums, plan commission, veterans

any costs to the community should be voted on by the community

Museum

Perhaps collaboration with Drummond school library and other local libraries to see what's needed, working or lacking in the immediate area

Drummond school

Environmental engineering. Native plants expert.

Cable Chamber and CNHM. Keep the cozy look and feel.

Someone who understands historic preservation, such as the Forest Lodge administrators.

I think everyone should be given a public opportunity to review and comment on a concept design and be entitled to know they are being listened to. The Towns of Cable and Namakagon, the Cable Natural History Museum and other downtown Cable entities should be asked to review. MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE I hope that the Library Board and the Design Committee will listen to library professionals as they proceed. The Northern Waters Library Service, library staff, present and former and other library directors within the NWLS system, who all have a profound understanding of what library services are, what they are evolving to be and how our communities can meet needs now and into the future.

Seniors, teachers, business people, Natural history museum staff. CAMBA, Birkie

Towns, community

Community conversation sessions

Plan Commission, bookclubs, children's groups (Mom's groups, homeschoolers), Northern Waters Library Service

Is there anything else you would like to share or any suggestions you have for the library expansion project? (Optional question)



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The process needs to be transparent and in compliance with town/state building requirements and best practices. Current population and trends must be considered as this library needs to serve our communities for at least 20 years. Town of Cable and Bayfield County current comprehensive plans should also be taken into consideration.

Expansion decisions should be in the best long-term interests of the Cable and Namakagon communities, and not based on personal or donor preferences. Current census data and population demographics/projections, along with updated Cable and Bayfield County Comprehensive Plans are now available and should be utilized in finalizing expansion planning, so the expansion will serve our communities at least 20 years into the future. Getting this done is important, but doing it right is more important. Cable/Namakagon populations have grown, and are projected to continue to do so as evidenced by current census data, the new Tamarack Clinic, development at Telemark, etc. Transparency in this process is critical to community support, as is complying with municipal building requirements, as well as generally accepted and best practices.

Municipal buildings must follow WI statutes. There have been concerns raised about this process that need to be addressed or will result in the loss of community support.

Community input and support is critical for the success of this expansion project. Opportunities to submit ideas and comments on the design should be more than the required "minimum". Interested people should feel that their input can influence changes to the design rather than be told that design changes are not likely to occur (ie, the design is a "done deal").

Library is a great community resource for all ages. I am only a seasonal user but love it and the great staff! Expansion is great plan.

Keeping the community "in the loop" and listening to all opinions are paramount in a successful project that will grow with future generations

You had a question specifically about wheelchair accessibility, but the library should also be accessible to those with accessibility issues who don't currently require a wheelchair.

No thank you

I hope this project moves forward quickly.

Glad to hear you are keeping the loveable log cabin!

I don't like the idea of connecting the new building to the log cabin. It would be more practical and preserve the integrity of the cabin to have the new library contained in the new building.

We believe that the current library meets the needs of the community and there is no need for expansion.

I wish for success of the library expansion.

Don't loose the integrity of the the log cabin. It should remain a fixture in the community.

Not in favor of wasting \$1.6 of taxpayers money on a library in small town of Cable. Most people borrow books electronically and never need to visit the library.

Best of luck. The current charming library with its old book collection of Wisconsin history was a vital factor in moving here. I like the old building and I like old classic books, especially if they show the passage of time. (Patina!)

I understand that fundraising is not much fun. However, I hope very much that the Library Board and the Katie Flowers Endowment will work to raise sufficient money to fund an expansion that will serve our communities well now and into the future. (20 years)

popcorn

Excited for the changes!

I do find it unnecessary to build a pavillion when two already exist and there is discussion regarding a third; three pavillions should be enough for a town of 845. I think the Expansion Project should be looking at data from 2020, not 2010. Why is the most current data not being used? Why is the scope of the project being so limited? I understand that funding is a factor; is the \$4 MILLION grant going to be persued? Has the Board decided this without public involvement? I would like to see an opportunity for public input. I was told that Saturdays at the Book House is the opportunity; when I went Memorial Day weekend, there was no one there and no way to leave comments. I find that disingenuous. If public input has been accepted, is this available for all to see? If not, why so much secrecy? I believe changes have been made to the current "plan" (which was never intended to be "the" plan...); why are those changes NOT reflected in the current plan? Outdoor programming was originally picnic tables, now it's a pavillion? Why is the Design Committee being headed by a non-Cable resident? We're the ones that have to pay the taxes. I believe that NWLS should be involved. We pay into that service and they have more expertise than those who have never worked in a library.