

**Q7 In the space below please add any comments that you think are pertinent or would be helpful to the committee. Please include any features in a proposed library that are important to you that have not been addressed.**

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I am a new resident and used the library system in and around my previous home. A library in Southern Shores would be great.	10/30/2019 4:19 PM
2	I feel that spending the money on a new location is wasteful. The residents of KH, SS, Duck, etc should be able to drive to the KDH location without it causing much of an issue to drive 20-30 min to get to the library. I feel we can make better use of the money without opening a new location.	10/30/2019 12:41 PM
3	no library	10/29/2019 1:29 PM
4	Let's spend our money on service that are needed	10/29/2019 11:59 AM
5	Waste of money	10/27/2019 1:58 AM
6	Oh, a community library would be great!	10/26/2019 7:25 PM
7	I would like to make donations of books to the library.	10/26/2019 7:25 PM
8	I also like to browse and check out Audio Books (CDs).	10/26/2019 5:42 PM
9	Don't need a library in Southern Shores. That technology is past.	10/26/2019 7:14 AM
10	This would fill a huge void between Barco and Kill Devil Hills. Not having a library for almost 40 miles excludes a large area of Currituck and Dare residents from having easy access to library services and programs. As a parent to a young child, we feel this void in being excluded from baby and toddler story-times due to such long travel times making the scheduled times an inconvenience.	10/26/2019 12:16 AM
11	Make it an easily accessible location . I do not have Young children but think their space is very important	10/25/2019 9:37 PM
12	If a service is not available it will not be utilized. Encouraging children to enjoy reading will benefit them and society.	10/25/2019 8:49 PM
13	My concern would be the additional cost of another location. I presume there would be paid staff and cost of maintenance. I'm not sure the cost would be worth not having to drive to the KDH library.	10/25/2019 8:10 PM
14	Delivery and pick up of library materials for home bound elderly residents would be great! I have a neighbor that is home bound.	10/25/2019 8:07 PM
15	How would this library be funded?	10/25/2019 6:26 PM
16	I adore the KDH library and it's staff and visit once a week. Why do we need ANOTHER building. To serve tourists in Duck and Southern Shores. Better to put the funds in policing or ocean replenishment.	10/25/2019 6:11 PM
17	It would be nice to have a good egress and ingress. Consideration to traffic lights.	10/25/2019 5:35 PM
18	Would LOVE to have a Southern Shores library branch!	10/25/2019 5:16 PM
19	I would make much more use of library if it were located in Southern Shores	10/25/2019 5:12 PM

20	We see no need for a library in SS. The KDH Library is wonderful, people are so helpful, it is well equipped library, and is a wonderful place to get information. IT IS A CLASS A LIBRARY JUST A FEW MILES DOWN THE ROAD. The cost is not needed in our taxes for space, equipment, computers, personnel, etc. that are a duplicate of what we already have. Are we so in need of 'everything at our doorstep' that we cannot travel 5-10 miles to what we have that is MORE than adequate. Has anyone spoken with the director of KDH Library to see if they could adequately provide a duplicate of what they have there.	10/25/2019 4:55 PM
21	The public library is an excellent supplement to the school library and so would provide services to children. Although I do not need computer access and services, many of my friends do (printing, scanning, etc.) and this would be very helpful to many seniors. And it can also provide meeting spaces for the public. Think about some volunteer staffing which is how a small library was first started where I grew up.	10/25/2019 4:50 PM
22	Just think people in s s can drive to kdH	10/25/2019 4:46 PM
23	Too much free time on your hands. Drive the 7 miles to KDH and go to the library there.	10/25/2019 4:37 PM
24	(see above)	10/25/2019 2:55 PM
25	Find a better use for the funds.	10/24/2019 3:39 PM
26	Libraries are so important to communities for all the reasons above. Books, knowledge, research, study guides, appease ones curiosity , community meetings, tutor workspace, etc. The library in KDH is just far enough away to make it hard to get too.	10/22/2019 9:40 PM
27	Invest in digital content along with the singleton hard copy. Increase audio book content also.	10/22/2019 9:33 PM
28	It is ridiculous to add another branch. Can't people drive to KDH? And how feasible is it to staff and stock another location??	10/22/2019 2:02 PM
29	A library would add to the quality of life in this area.	10/20/2019 6:54 PM
30	It would be so nice to have a local library. Also, tutors could use the space to tutor local students. I miss going to the library and hardly go since relocating here 10 years ago.	10/19/2019 10:54 AM
31	If the library branch were closer to my house I would use the library much more often. Even a small branch library would be wonderful!	10/17/2019 7:17 PM
32	especially in summertime, I would use library in Southern Shores more often.	10/16/2019 3:53 PM
33	Anything that gets folks reading more in this day of misinformation is a great thing! I currently use KDH branch but would love it if SS had a branch	10/16/2019 2:09 PM
34	we recently moved to Southern Shores and do not currently use the library because of the inconvenience of the locations. The branch I would use is over 10 miles away. I will start using that branch now that traffic is a bit less.	10/16/2019 8:23 AM
35	This is a great idea, I would also make space to play chess, attend classes, read, and meet	10/12/2019 10:06 AM
36	I ENCOURAGE THE COUNSEL TO RESEARCH THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF PEOPLE MOST LIKELY AND MOST COMMONLY USE LIBRARIES. then look at the demographics of the area and see if they fit. For example <a href="https://www.pewinternet.org/2015/09/15/who-uses-libraries-and-what-they-do-at-their-libraries/">https://www.pewinternet.org/2015/09/15/who-uses-libraries-and-what-they-do-at-their-libraries/</a>	10/12/2019 9:54 AM
37	It is important for children to access non-digitized learning materials. Children and the young adult parents of children are bombarded with screen time and this is having an adverse impact on individual's ability to attend and develop typical executive functioning skills.	10/12/2019 8:53 AM
38	Library in KDH has everything I need and is centrally located.	10/12/2019 7:47 AM
39	Unless the library is large (which a town our size cannot afford) it would be of little use to most people given diverse interests.	10/12/2019 6:50 AM
40	I would rather see the present library expanded and improved rather than duplication of services and facility in Southern Shores.	10/11/2019 9:40 PM
41	An annual subscription to the WSJ, NYT, Wapo, and Virginia Pilot would cost the library about \$1K a year. Magazines included, \$5-10K. Building a book collection from scratch, who knows? But expensive! Diluting the existing collections for fill SS library = a terrible idea. This whole idea seems to be for the convenience of people who will not drive 7-10 miles to KDH. I visit the KDH branch about 2x a month.	10/11/2019 9:25 PM

42	Having a library in Southern Shores would be helpful for all ages.	10/11/2019 7:26 PM
43	I enjoy using the library in Kill Devil Hills. It is not far away at all and I think funds in Southern Shores could be better spent somewhere else.	10/11/2019 6:36 PM
44	With Internet & ebooks from the library & other sources, I do not see the need. Years ago I would have used it.	10/11/2019 6:34 PM
45	My family and friends are huge library fans. We use it frequently. In my retirement I plan to become a library volunteer.	10/11/2019 6:33 PM
46	I would definitely use a library closer to home.	10/11/2019 5:54 PM
47	We need what a closer library can offer us	10/11/2019 5:48 PM
48	We do NOT need a branch library here.	10/11/2019 5:46 PM
49	The availability of the internet and technology limits the appeal of a library.	10/11/2019 5:09 PM
50	I've been waiting for a library in Southern Shores.	10/11/2019 5:04 PM
51	Wonderful library and staff at the KDH branch. Visit there weekly. Completely unnecessary, in my opinion, to have another branch in SS.	10/11/2019 5:04 PM
52	I largely confine my reading to online books to avoid the drive to the KDH library. Would get more use from paper books if located in Southern Shores. If all volumes had electronic options, would not need a local branch.	10/11/2019 5:00 PM
53	I think it's ridiculous that my neighbors in Southern Shores won't drive the 7.6 miles from the marketplace to the KDH Library.	10/11/2019 4:59 PM
54	As stated above, this is "pie in the sky" if we had all of the money in the world. Who would be paying for this: building, staffing, books, equipment, etc.? Most folks in the area would be driving, so why can't they drive to KDH Library? Another way to spend other people's money and increase taxes!!!	10/11/2019 4:58 PM
55	I love libraries. I have spent most of my research career in libraries, but currently I am not doing the kind of work that requires me to go to a physical library. Thanks to the Internet, I can find what I need online. I used to go regularly to the Library of Congress, the National Library of Medicine, and various academic libraries, including UNC-Chapel Hill's Health Sciences Library. A community library does not offer me what I need. If I want to read a novel, I buy it.	10/11/2019 4:51 PM
56	I would like the Marketplace shops to be used for a Library: if we could afford it!	10/11/2019 4:51 PM
57	The collection in SS would be very small, given the budget for the library system. A waste of money to staff and build a collection	10/11/2019 4:49 PM
58	With the advances in technology, there is no need for spending money on this.	10/11/2019 4:35 PM
59	This is a great idea!	10/10/2019 3:11 PM
60	A location closer to my home in Kitty Hawk would be more visited by locals living north of KDH especially during summer traffic. Thanks for even considering this possibility.	10/9/2019 10:00 PM
61	I rarely get to the library because of my work hours and the travel time to the branch April - October. I think a new branch would make it easier to use year-round. Avid reader!!!	10/9/2019 5:31 PM
62	KDH branch is not that far. I can already drop off books in Southern Shores. Do not want to detract resources/books from KDH & have two poorly stocked libraries instead of the excellent facility at KDH.	10/9/2019 4:02 PM
63	Free copy, faxing and notary.	10/9/2019 2:30 PM
64	I would go there on my lunch breaks	10/9/2019 1:16 PM
65	We have a full-service library branch in Kill Devil Hills. If you look at the budget for that library, you'll see that it's funding was cut in half in 2008 and never restored. If Dare County is unwilling to put more into the budget for that branch, where is the money coming from for a new branch? It's not just the sky-high cost of real estate in Southern Shores or payroll to consider, building collections is very, very expensive; and not just collections, but the technology and suscriptions to databases, as well as the rising costs of e-books. Putting a branch in Southern Shores is something the residents of Southern Shores want for themselves and cannot possibly be justified by the population of Duck, Southern Shores and Kitty Hawk combined.	10/9/2019 12:00 PM

66	I REALLY hope this comes to pass!!! My library use has changed since I moved from KDH to Kitty Hawk. I KNOW I would be thankful for, and use a closer library more often.	10/9/2019 11:58 AM
67	My wife is a former librarian (retired) and current volunteer. We use library often as we have no television.	10/9/2019 11:34 AM
68	Libraries enrich the lives in the communities they serve. We currently use libraries in KDH, Manteo, Currituck and Elizabeth City. It would be wonderful have one close in SS!!	10/9/2019 11:20 AM
69	I understand why you want to locate the new branch on 158 but if you have a choice I hope you can find a suitable location on Rt 12. If it must be on 158 hopefully you can put it in one of the shopping centers (Harris Teeter and Food Lion) because of available parking. Such a location, especially if Food Lion, would allow patrons to reach the branch via Rt 12 and be on 158 for a short time. Traffic on that road, especially in summer, moves quickly and the Kitty Hawk MP1 and Southern Shores area along 158 are quite congested, with long lights and slow moving traffic.	10/9/2019 10:35 AM
70	While I might use other traditional library services, there is a great need for public meeting space in this area and the library could serve a valuable purpose.	10/9/2019 10:20 AM
71	While I don't have any use for a library ( i use my computer instead), I have no objection to one being built, and used by those that want it.	10/8/2019 12:55 PM
72	Ability to research and check out reading materials. Space to read and WiFi access for personal computer use.	10/6/2019 10:30 PM
73	The KDH library is just not that far away. I'd rather see us invest in something more progressive - a library is kind of a thing of the past. A coffee shop? A pool? A community gym/yoga/meditation space?	10/6/2019 4:46 PM
74	This is a wonderful idea. Thank you.	10/6/2019 1:15 PM
75	Would volunteer in proposed branch	10/5/2019 10:16 PM
76	I would visit the library monthly or more if not for the summer traffic and it being down in KDH. I use it more during the school year when I am down that way and time allows.	10/4/2019 11:31 AM
77	Since there are no adult daycare or other senior services, those services would be appreciated and are needed	10/3/2019 9:41 PM
78	Think it's a great idea!	10/3/2019 8:38 PM
79	Don't raise my taxes for this	10/3/2019 1:26 PM
80	I would use the library more if one was closer.	10/2/2019 3:15 PM
81	Private study rooms for students, access to skype for online class work,	10/1/2019 3:32 PM
82	I do not think it is a worthy investment	10/1/2019 9:40 AM
83	We don't need to duplicate service already provided by the Duck hall. I think a collection of fiction and nonfiction appealing to leisure reading would be an asset. Children's programs would be great. I doubt the need for computer access except for research maybe. What is the focus clientele. I would expect adults all year and children in the summer Not likely there could be a professional librarian so focus on a great collection and some computer access for interlibrary loan I am a 6 month resident retired librarian Caroline Morissesu 201-232-7016	10/1/2019 9:31 AM
84	I live in a city with a great library. However, every year my library taxes are increased with little to no notification to taxpayers. I feel this library offers services I do not wish at my expense (like computer classes). HOWEVER, I do appreciate being able to borrow books for reading without having to pay the high price of paying for the actual book which I then need to recycle. I think a library with a nice selection of the newest top rated reading materials mixed with the classics never goes out of style. I do not reside in Southern Shores permanently yet, but will within the next 2 years (I do own a home which is not a rental).	9/30/2019 9:34 PM
85	We just moved here and my young daughter and I would love to have a more easily accessible library to check books out of.	9/30/2019 4:38 PM
86	We believe this is one of the most important items for our communities!	9/30/2019 4:34 PM
87	Great idea. I would it primarily for picking up Holds I order online.	9/30/2019 3:24 PM
88	Enable greater summer usage as would be closer to those living in these areas.	9/30/2019 2:06 PM

89	I am neither for or against a library at this time. However, with so much material available online, I personally do not feel the need to use a library. I would hope the committee considers what benefits a current library would bring 10 years from now with the rapid advancement of technology. Finally, before a decision is reached, I would expect the committee would share with the citizens how much it will cost the taxpayers to build a library and what the projected ongoing costs will be.	9/30/2019 11:52 AM
90	There is already a drop off in southern shores. 5 miles down the road is another dare county library. Let's use our money wisely	9/29/2019 6:37 PM
91	library in our area would be a wonderful addition to services available in Southern Shores	9/29/2019 3:51 PM
92	This is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars!!!	9/29/2019 8:50 AM
93	I live in Duck, and use the library in KDH and Corolla. Cant see how this is good use of Dare County tax money.	9/29/2019 8:49 AM
94	I am not in favor of adding a library. It seems like frivolous spending when there is a branch 8 miles away and the funding would then be reduced to the current branches.	9/29/2019 8:39 AM
95	I have a disabled son who does not drive and uses a bike to get around. We live in Kitty Hawk and he would be able to use the library on his own	9/28/2019 10:15 PM
96	Not having to fight Hyw 158 traffic, especially during tourist season, would encourage us (retired) to visit a library more often. Most of our shopping is in the Marketplace and stores in the Walmart shopping center.	9/28/2019 11:44 AM
97	Many people currently use the coffee shops for many of the uses listed for a new library. The present library is not hard to get to and service is impeccable.	9/28/2019 10:28 AM
98	4 County Commissioners up for re-election in 2020, will not commit funds. Unless a SS library is full-service, not meaningful, no one will use. Would require one librarian and LOTS of volunteers. Should be a question: who will commit to volunteering.	9/28/2019 10:17 AM
99	If a Southern Shores library does not get the support needed, would you consider drop off /pickup location in Duck? A small area that would be available for library members to pick up books ordered on line and an outside drop off. It could be staffed,primarily by volunteers with perhaps one paid librarian. Since it's a drop off pick up, a librarian might not be necessary. Thank you.	9/28/2019 8:59 AM
100	Location would be so convenient.	9/28/2019 8:54 AM
101	We have seen increasing limitations on the current library budget, and decrease in periodicals and purchases over the years we have lived here. Any available money would be better spent on the main library branch rather than set up a minimal facility with infrequently read books. HOWEVER, a branch office would be valuable to drop off books or to pick up books that have been placed on reserve with the online lending system. But, is the cost of a staff person worth that minimal convenience will be the question to evaluate	9/28/2019 8:10 AM
102	We would love a library in Southern Shores. It would be a great addition even if it was a place without a full offering of programs.	9/28/2019 8:05 AM
103	I believe libraries are at the heart of a community. With such a small year round population in Duck we frequently have to travel so far to find community spaces and activities. A library would be just one more way to strengthen our local connections.	9/28/2019 7:09 AM
104	I don't think another library is necessary. Waste of taxpayer dollars. It is only a few miles to kdH, no need to replicate services.	9/28/2019 7:06 AM
105	I am a huge library user, particularly of digital books. The current database is very limited. Funding could be better used by improving this service.	9/28/2019 1:03 AM
106	Not only would Library resources be more readily available to residents of Southern Shores like myself, they would bring in more customers from the northern Outer Banks who do not currently trek down to KDH.	9/27/2019 8:59 PM
107	Having a library in Southern Shores would cannibalize our current excellent underfunded system. A better effort might be to upgrade our current buildings in Manteo KDH and Hatteras. Convenient to all, and all needing expansion and upgraded buildings. Thank you	9/27/2019 8:48 PM
108	The local library would be great. We could even ride our bikes!	9/27/2019 8:26 PM
109	Southern Shores has no "downtown" a p;ace where peopel say to each other lets meet at. . . "	9/27/2019 8:20 PM

110	No need. Complete waste of money. I use the KDH library a lot. It isn't inconvenient or out of the way. I group my tasks to visit the library 1 to 2 times per week.	9/27/2019 7:49 PM
111	How much would taxes go up?	9/27/2019 7:27 PM
112	DVD's are a great thing to obtain from the library also. I've tried music collections at the KDH branch, but never found something I'd like. LOTS of great movies though.	9/27/2019 7:20 PM
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114	We could use a USPS office more so than a library. This is 2019, we have access to anything that a library has already via the internet.	9/27/2019 6:26 PM
115	In Southern Shores alone we have a 10 mile drive to get to the closest beach of the library. It is way out of our way to enjoy the benefits of a library. I came from a town where the branches were less than 3 miles apart with the farthest being 9 miles. Public libraries serve the community in so many ways that the benefits of a small branch far outweigh the additional cost. HAVING a library in Southern Shores would also benefit more than just Southern Shores but the surrounding communities that have an even farther drive to access one.	9/27/2019 6:23 PM
116	establishing a collection of DVDs available for check-out, ie. movies.	9/27/2019 5:46 PM
117	A library can be the "glue" of a community. It can meet the needs of every resident if ran well.	9/27/2019 5:06 PM
118	Especially during the summer season it's difficult to get down to the library	9/27/2019 5:06 PM
119	I rely on iCloud books available through Dare County library system, but would use a closer brick and mortar library if available.	9/27/2019 4:43 PM
120	I am so excited about the possibility of a library in Southern Shores. Thank you to the committee for working on this project for our community.	9/27/2019 4:40 PM