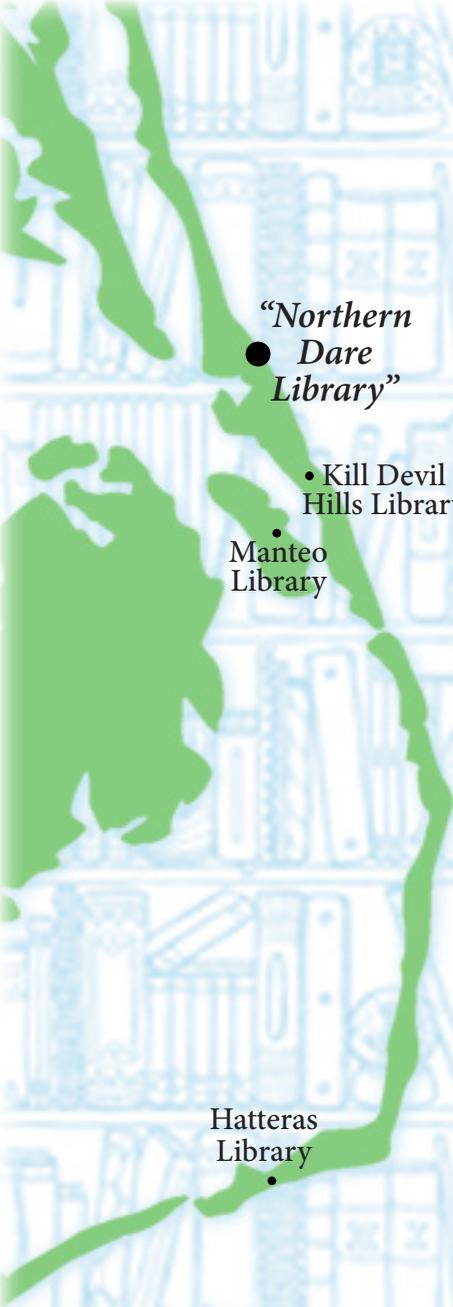


A Library Branch for Northern Dare

A green silhouette map of Dare County, North Carolina, is positioned on the left side of the page. Three black dots are placed on the map to indicate the locations of existing libraries: one in the northern part of the county, one in the central part, and one in the southern part. The text labels for these libraries are placed next to their respective dots.

• “Northern
Dare
Library”

• Kill Devil
Hills Library

• Manteo
Library

• Hatteras
Library

Dare County Government provides a great service for the community with a Library System operating branches in Manteo, Hatteras and Kill Devil Hills, it is now time to expand.

Growth in the number of year round residents in the northern Dare towns of Southern Shores, Duck, Kitty Hawk and the Martin’s Point community,

Heavy traffic and increased travel time to Kill Devil Hills Library

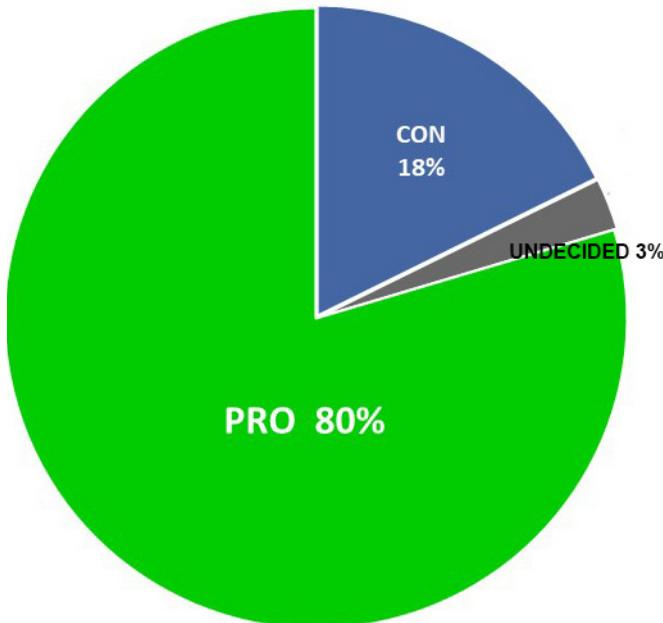
Raise the importance of establishing a Northern Dare Branch of the Dare County Library System.

Community Interest

In response to strong community interest, the Town of Southern Shores convened a committee to examine the feasibility of a modestly sized branch of the Dare County Library to increase the availability of library services in northern Dare County. The Committee includes appointed representatives from the Towns of Kitty Hawk and Duck. The Committee researched need and feasibility. It has presented findings to the Town of Southern Shores.

A survey was developed and opened to all residents of Southern Shores, Duck, Kitty Hawk and Martin's Point community. Response to the survey indicated overwhelming support for a Library branch in northern Dare County.

Survey Results



- 91% said having a northern branch of the Library to browse, check out, return books, read news and periodicals was important to them.
- 80% support a northern Dare Library branch filling a void in Library services for the area.
- 75% would use the Library more if a branch were located in northern Dare.
- Adult and Children's Programs were specifically requested, for learning and gathering opportunities in northern Dare.

Link for Survey: www.southernshores-nc.gov/exploratory-committee/survey_results

Feasibility and Opportunity

The Committee explored feasibility including premises and expenses. The greatest challenge was to find suitable space at reasonable cost in the central commercial area.

A suitable space has been identified within a building at 6 Juniper Trail, Southern Shores. This site is convenient to the high traffic commercial complex around the MarketPlace and the Walmart area.

This building has adequate space for library services, comparable to that of the Hatteras branch. TowneBank owns 6 Juniper Trail and has offered to lease 2570sq.ft. to Dare County for a Northern Branch of the Dare Library system for ten years at a **cost of \$1.00 per year.**

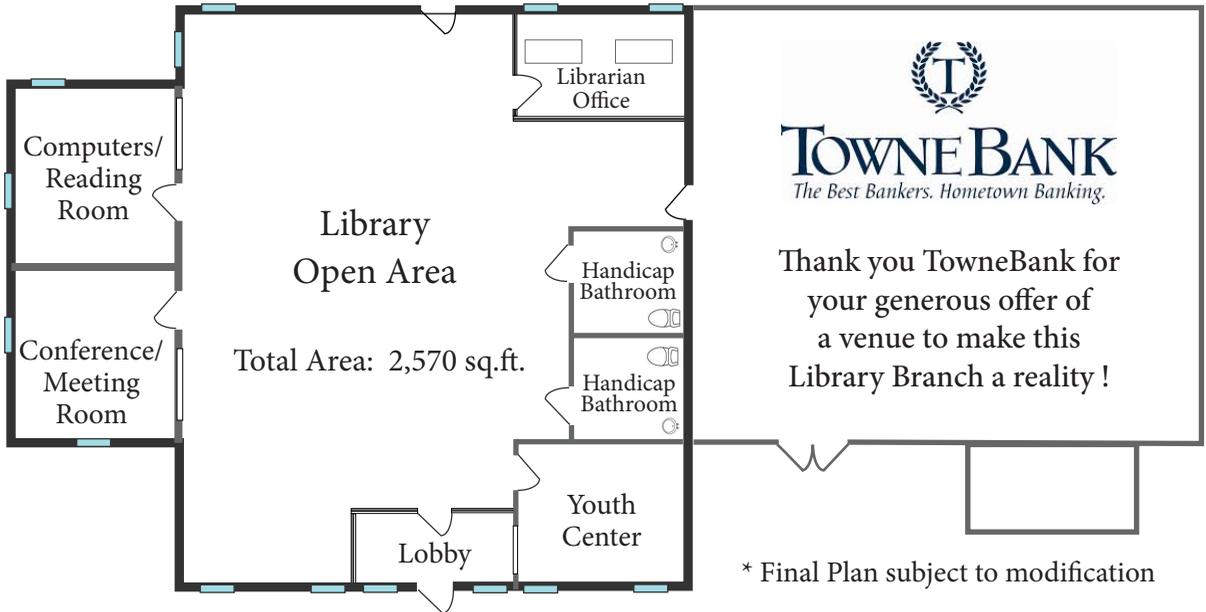


The Committee pursued feasibility for Library use with House Engineering and others. Modifications would be necessary. Capital expense for adaptation to library use would be the responsibility of the County. Cost estimates for adaptation would be +/- \$150-\$175,000

The Committee worked on estimated annual operating costs and welcomes the opportunity to review these with the Commissioners.

Ways and means of engaging community support through volunteers and donations can be explored as a path towards making this happen.

Proposed Floor Plan *



This location is central and convenient. The offer of this site from TowneBank significantly reduces annual operating costs. **At \$1.00 per year cost** (standard rate for similar space at \$50,000 a year) this makes feasible and possible a Northern Dare Branch of the County Library in the near future, were this project implemented through the Dare county budget process.

The Exploratory Committee urges the Dare County Commissioners to consider the proposed Northern Dare Branch of the Library and approve this worthy community project for implementation in the 2020-2021 Budget in time to secure TowneBanks' generous offer.