



Town of Southern Shores
Regular Council Meeting
November 6, 2019

The Town of Southern Shores Town Council met in the Pitts Center located at 5377 N. Virginia Dare Trail at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Bennett, Mayor pro tem Chris Nason and Council Members Fred Newberry, Jim Conners and Gary McDonald.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Attorney Ben Gallop, Interim Town Manager Wes Haskett, and Town Clerk Sheila Kane

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and held a moment of silence.

Mayor Bennett thanked all candidates running for office in yesterday's election.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilman Newberry moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to include an item 4B. Exploratory Committee to address Cut-Thru Traffic; reevaluating the sponsorship of the Exploratory Committee cut-thru traffic committee and cancellation of the committee's November 19th meeting until after the December Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Conners. The motion to approve the agenda with amendment passed unanimously (5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- o Council Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2019 & October 1, 2019
- o Surplus Resolution 2019-11-01
- o Resolution Designation of Applicant's Agent /State-Applicant Disaster Assistance Agreement FEMA 4285-DR-NC

MOTION: Councilman McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Connors. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

PRESENTATIONS

FY 2018-2019 Audit-Teresa Osborne, Dowdy & Osborne

Teresa Osborne presented the annual audit report and financial highlights:

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Southern Shores exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$ 15,637,387 (net position).
- The government's total net position increased by \$ 528,727, due to a combination of factors including revenues over expenses in the governmental funds of \$ 346,771 adjusted by several factors to convert to the full accrual basis of accounting. These adjustments include capitalization of assets (net of depreciation and disposals) in the current year amount of \$ 311,114, full accrual revenue adjustments of (\$ 37,130) and long-term debt adjustments of (\$ 92,028).
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Southern Shores' governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$ 6,547,006, an increase of \$ 346,771 over the prior year. Approximately 36% of this total amount or \$ 2,373,685 is non-spendable, restricted, committed or assigned.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$ 4,173,321 or 70% of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.
- Total property valuation increased \$ 13,876,818 (1.02%) from \$ 1,360,460,000 in fiscal year 2018 to \$ 1,374,336,818 in fiscal year 2019.
- The general fund budget for the year was adopted with a tax rate of 22 cents per \$ 100 of assessed valuation; which represented the same tax rate as the prior year.

Beach Nourishment-discussion of process and experience as requested by Council 10/01 with Dare County Manager/Attorney Bobby Outten and Chairman Bob Woodard

Dare County Manager Bobby Outten provided a brief review on occupancy tax revenue, the history of Dare County beach nourishment projects, and how the beach nourishment fund started. The fund must be used for beach nourishment and is to provide placing as much sand on the beaches of Dare County as possible.

Chairman Woodard committed \$250,000 toward beach nourishment studies for Southern Shores. These studies are necessary for a final plan and cost. He stated Dare County needs to know what the cost will be to do a beach nourishment project in Southern Shores. The County then can evaluate the cost of the projects and how much can be contributed from the Dare County beach nourishment fund, which would include money set aside in a reserve for a maintenance project in five years. Chairman Woodard stated we cannot afford not to protect our beaches.

Councilman Newberry inquired as to staff being able to figure the financial debt and necessary funding options. Dare County Manager Bobby Outten stated DEC and Associates have already

done the County model, as well as the other towns. That is who they use for seeking funding options.

Interim Town Manager Wes Haskett stated Southern Shores has already done the studies with APTIM and inquired if that was sufficient. County Manager Outten replied that it was sufficient, and they just need a firm cost number for the project.

Mayor Bennett stated he felt Council had what they needed to work with.

STAFF REPORTS

The following Department Heads presented department reports for the month:

- Interim Town Manager/Town Planner Wes Haskett presented the Planning Department's monthly report for October. He reported the Planning Board will be meeting on November 18th to continue its discussion of the Town's current requirements for building height and fill.
- Police Chief David Kole presented his Department's monthly report for October.
- Fire Chief Limbacher presented the Fire Department's monthly report for October.
- The Interim Town Manager provided a brief update on Town operations:
 - Hurricane Dorian-The Town's debris removal contractor, Southern Disaster Recovery, and the Town's monitoring contractor, Thompson Consulting Services, concluded debris pick-up generated by Hurricane Dorian on October 29th. The preliminary estimates show that 610 loads removed 27,740 cubic yards of vegetative debris and 2 loads removed 25 cubic yards of c & d items. Our preliminary estimate of the total cost incurred to the Town as a result of Dorian is \$554,000 which will all hopefully be reimbursed by FEMA by providing 75% and the State by providing 25%.
 - Beach Nourishment Funding-DEC Associates has begun running models for funding a potential beach nourishment project and they will be prepare to present preliminary numbers and options for Council to consider in the next couple of months.
 - Town Buildings Code Deficiencies-A local contractor has been reviewing the Town buildings assessment and he will be on-site this coming Friday to look at the buildings so that he can provide us with an estimate for bringing the buildings up to code. Once we have an estimate, we will prepare and release a Request for Proposals and begin the process of hiring a contractor to complete the work.
 - Capital Street Projects-The Town Engineer is still in the process of finalizing the E. Dogwood Tri. and the Dewberry Ln. street projects and surveying is underway for the Hillcrest Dr. street project. Once plans are finalized, we will notify the property owners along each street so that they are aware of the projects and have an opportunity to provide input or ask questions.
 - Town Attorney Gallop had no report.

Councilman Connors asked Town Attorney Gallop for a status update on the litigation from the citizens against the Town issued building permits. Town Attorney Gallop stated the Smutz appeal is in Superior Court and the other is being handled by the NC Department of Justice.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

Exploratory Committee for Potential Branch Library

Committee Chairman Mike Fletcher gave a committee status report and went through the survey results. The committee plans to make a recommendation to Council once they receive a commitment or formal agreement to a site location.

[Clerk's Note: A copy of the survey results are attached as an exhibit]

Exploratory Committee to address Cut-Thru Traffic

Councilman Newberry stated that since he will not be on the Council after the December meeting, it only makes sense to appoint a new member to sponsor and sanction the cut thru traffic committee. In addition, he thinks it makes sense to ask the Chairman of the committee, Tommy Karole, to cancel his meeting that he is planning to schedule, a forum he calls it, on November 19th.

Mayor Bennett questioned Councilman Newberry and stated, As the advisor, you are going to advise him of that? Councilman Newberry stated yes, he would advise him.

MOTION: Councilman Newberry made a motion, at the December regular Council meeting a new council member be appointed to sponsor the cut thru traffic committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Connors and passed 4-1; Mayor Bennett opposing.

Mayor Bennett asked Councilman Newberry if there was a second motion that needed to be made, to cancel the meeting?

Staff stated they believed it wouldn't be necessary and would just cancel the advertised committee meeting.

Mayor Bennett stated he believes it is all covered.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bennett called for public comment and the following citizens offered comment:

1. George Berry- Veterans Day is November 11th, freedom is not free and appreciate all veterans.

Hearing no other citizen wishing to speak, Mayor Bennett closed public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of contract award for South Dogwood Trail Walking Path (bids received 10/3)

Motion: Mayor Bennett moved to award the contract for South Dogwood Trail walking path to Hatchell Concrete of Manteo, NC. The contract to be the base bid amount of 623,839.35 and an alternate of \$21,441.75 for a total of \$645,281.10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Connors and passed unanimously (5-0)

Public Hearing-Consider ZTA-19-02, a Zoning Text Amendment application submitted by the Town of Southern Shores to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending the Town's building height and fill requirements

Town Attorney Gallop called on Interim Town Manager Wes Haskett and Planning Board Chair Elizabeth Morey for their reports.

Interim Town Manager/Planning Director Wes Haskett's staff report consisted of the following:

At the October 15, 2018 Planning Board meeting, the Board unanimously voted to table a recommendation on ZTA-18-08, a Zoning Text Amendment application that was submitted by Finch and Company, Inc. to amend the Town's building height requirements. The Board also agreed that the issue needed to be addressed following more research and discussion. In that case, the applicant chose to move forward with a Public Hearing which was held by the Town Council on November 7, 2018 and the Town Council unanimously voted to send the ZTA back to the Board. The Board began discussing potential amendments to the Town's current building height and fill requirements at the July 15, 2019 Planning Board meeting.

ZTA-19-02 is an attempt to amend the Town's current building height and fill requirements based on the input discussed and requested by the Board. The proposed language includes the following proposed amendments:

- Removes the top plate and lowest corner requirements from all zoning districts other than the RS-1 district;
- Establishes a new height calculation requirement for all zoning districts;
- Establishes a new requirement for Banks with decorative cupulas or watch towers to have frontage on U.S. Hw. 158 and not to be located in the Martins Point ETJ area;
- Establishes a new definition of Fill.

The Town's currently adopted Land Use Plan contains the following Policy that is applicable to the proposed ZTA:

- Policy 2: The community values and the Town will continue to comply with the founder's original vision for Southern Shores: a low-density residential community comprised of single-family dwellings on large lots served by a small commercial district for convenience shopping and

services located at the southern end of the Town. This blueprint for land use naturally protects environmental resources and fragile areas by limiting development and growth.

RECOMMENDATION

Town Staff and the Town Planning Board have determined that the proposed amendments are consistent with the Town's currently adopted Land Use Plan. The Town Planning Board unanimously (6-0) recommended approval of ZTA-19-02 at the October 21, 2019 Planning Board meeting with the exception of Part VIII, (6), (b) which the Board will continue to discuss at their November 18, 2019 meeting.

Planning Board Chair Morey reported that the Planning Board gathered information from the stakeholders and had multiple conversations. Ms. Morey stated one area which is confusing, but shouldn't be, is the cupula on a bank. The Planning Board recommends approval with the exception of Part VIII, (6), (b) which the Board will continue to discuss.

Town Attorney Gallop opened the public hearing and called for comment from anyone wishing to speak. The following citizens spoke:

1. Matt Neal-163 Wax Myrtle Trail-urged Council to pass as recommended.
2. Doug Boulter-5 Ocean View Loop-supports the amendment as recommended.

Hearing no one else wishing to speak, Town Attorney Gallop closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Following a brief discussion, Mayor Bennett moved to adopt ZTA-19-02 as recommended by the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Mayor pro tem Nason. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bennett again called for public comment, but no citizen chose to speak.

MAYOR COMMENTS & COUNCIL COMMENTS

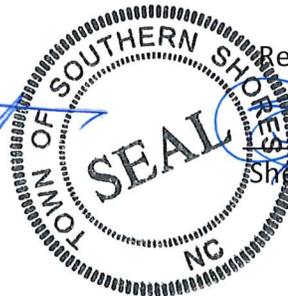
Councilman Conners thanked Councilman Newberry for his service and congratulated all that ran for Council in yesterday's election.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilman McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded Mayor pro tem Nason. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

ATTEST:


Thomas G. Bennett, Mayor

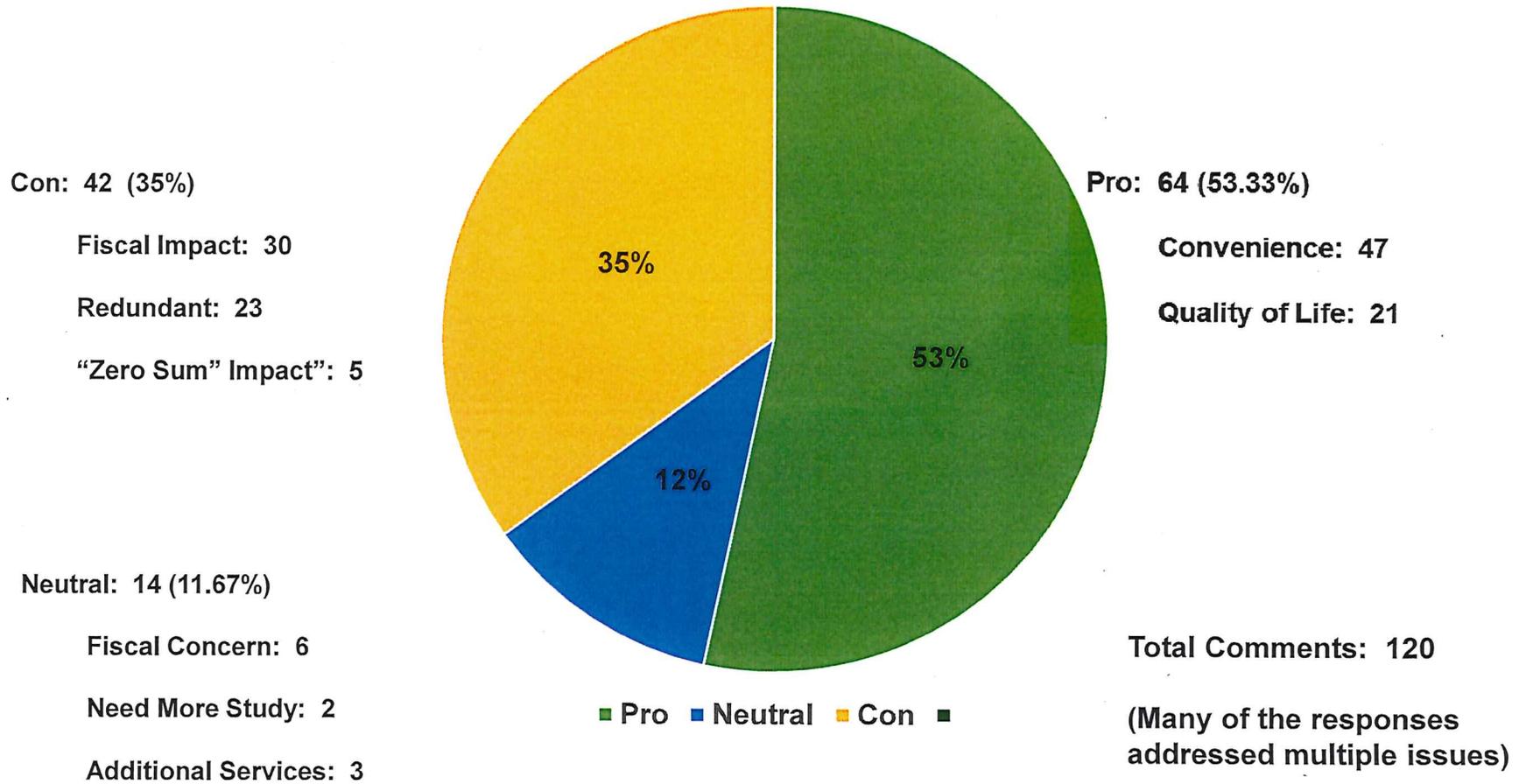


Respectfully submitted,


Sherrita Kane, Town Clerk

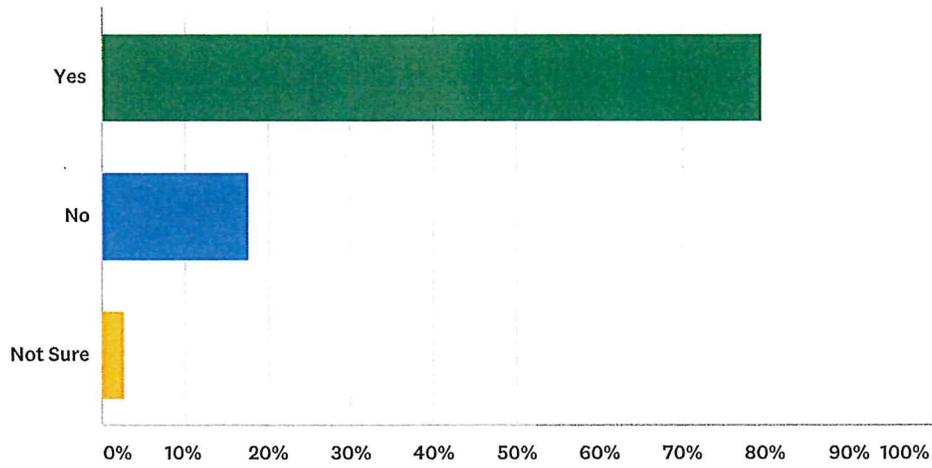
LIBRARY SURVEY

Major Comment Trends



Q1 I am interested in having a library branch located in Southern Shores.

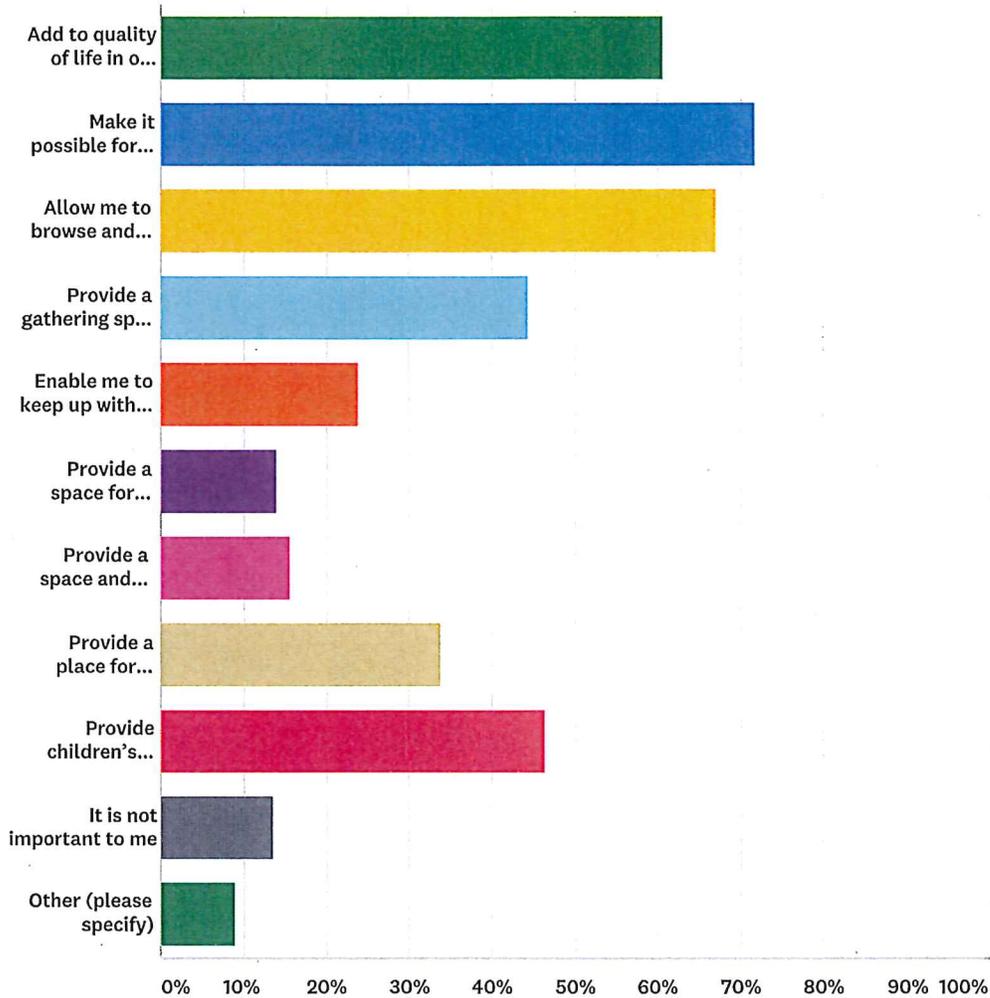
Answered: 407 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.61%	324
No	17.69%	72
Not Sure	2.70%	11
TOTAL		407

Q2 Having a library branch in Southern Shores is important to me because it would (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 400 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Add to quality of life in our area	60.75%	243
Make it possible for me to visit the library more frequently	71.75%	287
Allow me to browse and check out, and return reading materials	67.25%	269
Provide a gathering space for meetings and facilitate social connections and classes	44.25%	177
Enable me to keep up with periodicals, newspapers, and magazines	23.75%	95
Provide a space for computer use	14.00%	56
Provide a space and materials for genealogy research	15.75%	63
Provide a place for students to study	33.75%	135
Provide children's programs for children living in our area	46.50%	186

Potential Branch Library

SurveyMonkey

It is not important to me

13.50%

54

Other (please specify)

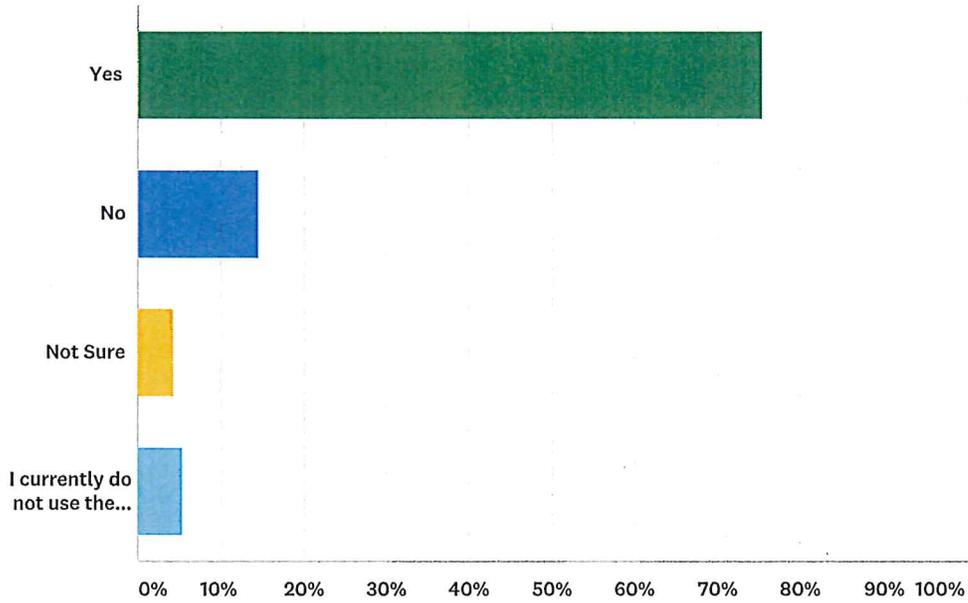
9.00%

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Total Respondents: 400

Q3 I would use the library more often if a branch were located in Southern Shores

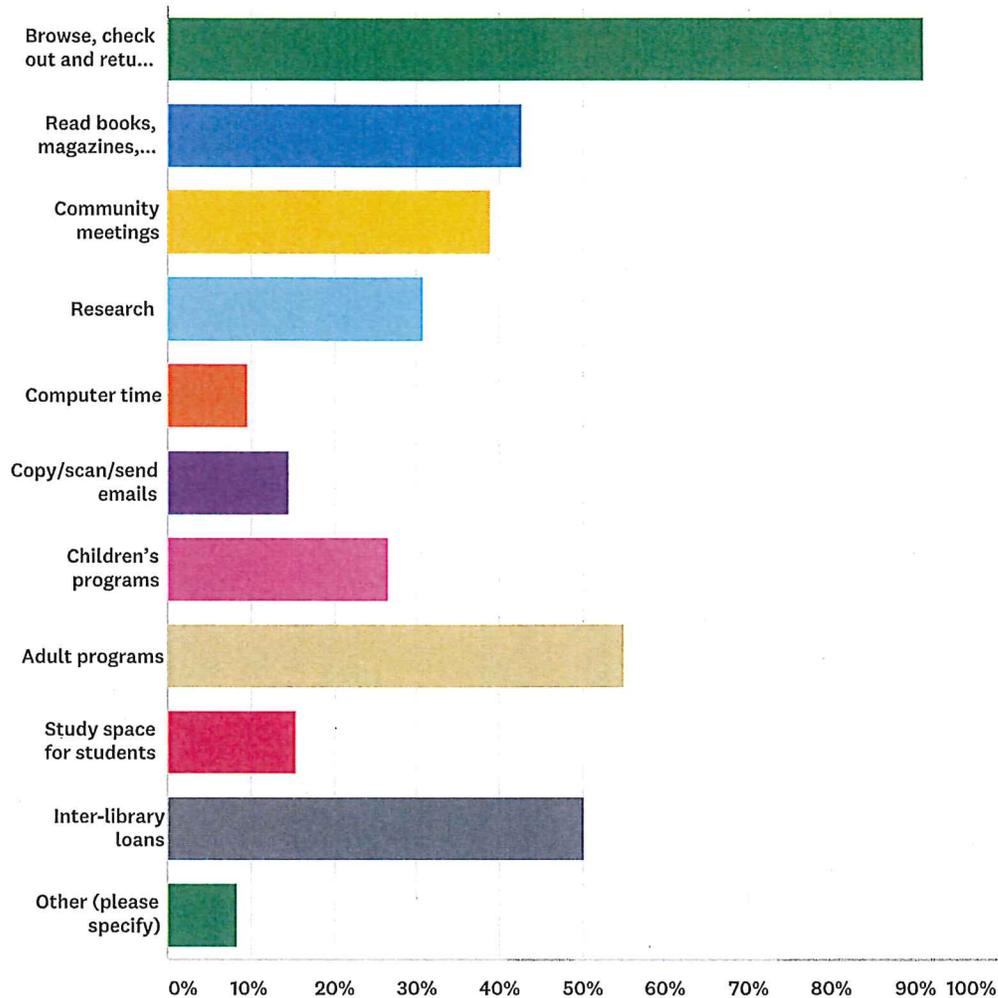
Answered: 403 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.43%	304
No	14.64%	59
Not Sure	4.47%	18
I currently do not use the library	5.46%	22
TOTAL		403

Q4 If a library branch were established in Southern Shores, I would use it for the following library services {check all that apply}

Answered: 360 Skipped: 47

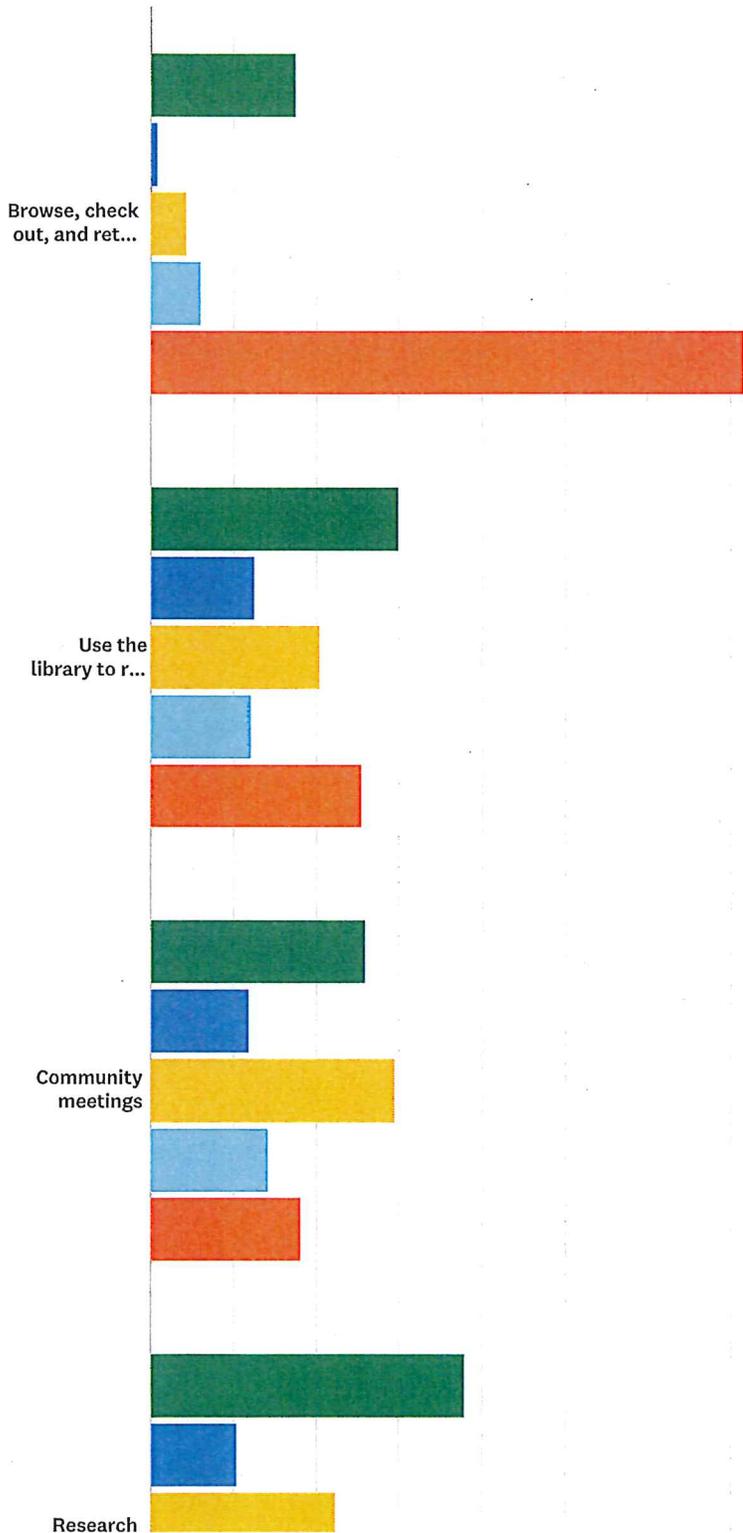


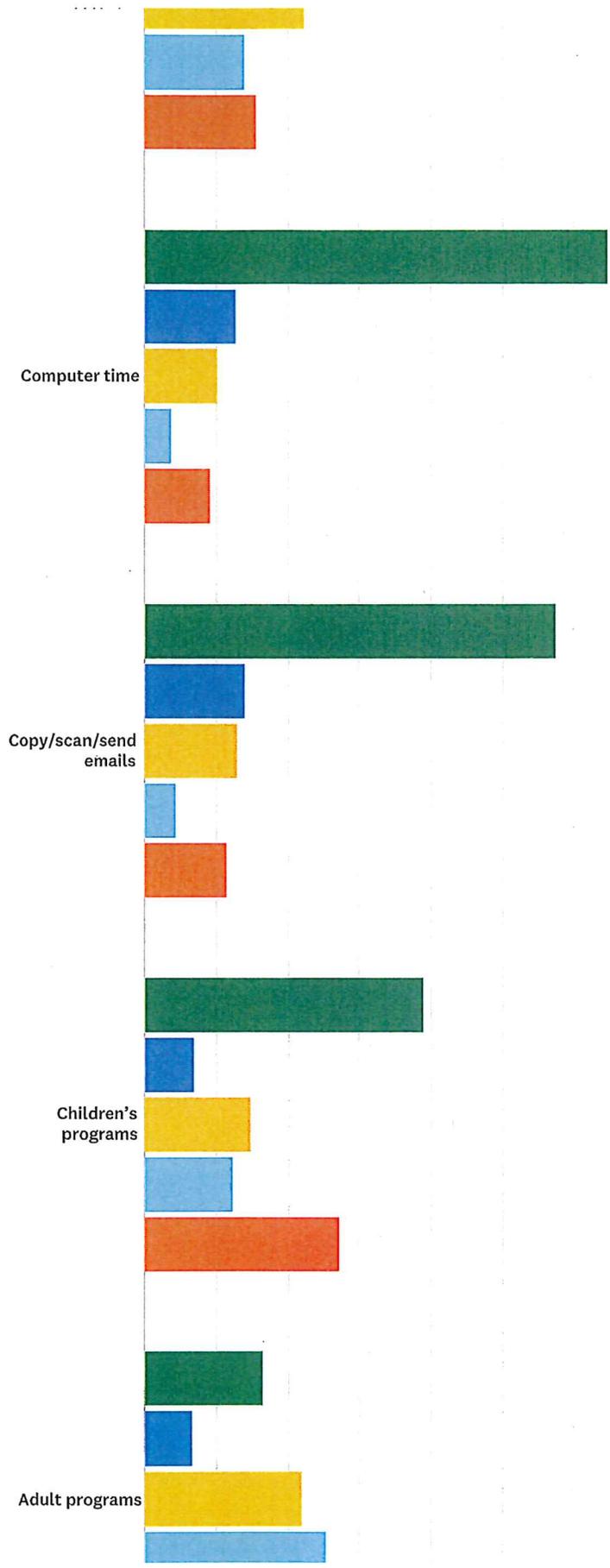
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Browse, check out and return books	91.11%	328
Read books, magazines, newspapers	42.78%	154
Community meetings	38.89%	140
Research	30.83%	111
Computer time	9.72%	35
Copy/scan/send emails	14.72%	53
Children's programs	26.67%	96
Adult programs	55.00%	198
Study space for students	15.56%	56

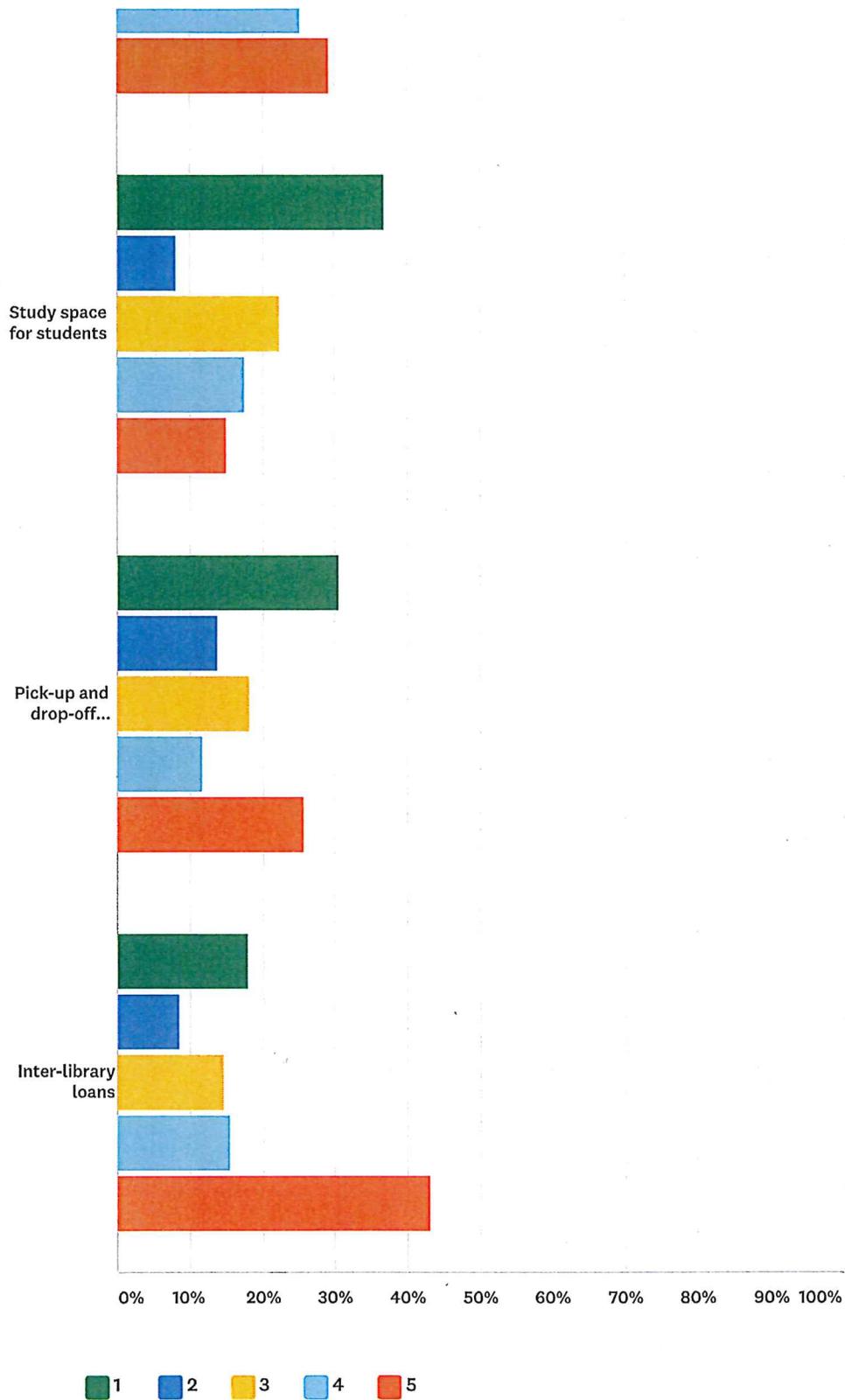
Inter-library loans	50.28%	181
Other (please specify)	8.33%	30
Total Respondents: 360		

Q5 If a full service library is not possible, which of the following features are most important to you? Please rank each item on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important and 1 being the least important.

Answered: 375 Skipped: 32





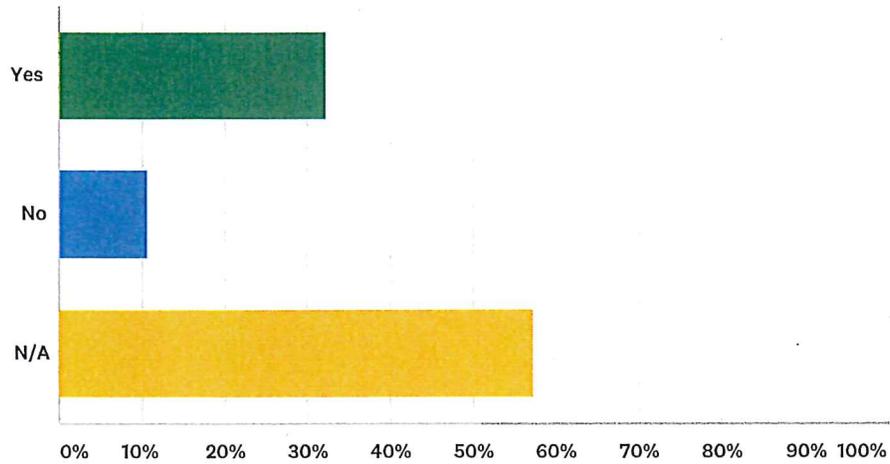


	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Browse, check out, and return books	17.58%	0.82%	4.40%	6.04%	71.70%	364
	64	3	16	22	261	

Use the library to read books, magazines, newspapers	29.91% 96	12.46% 40	20.56% 66	12.15% 39	25.55% 82	321
Community meetings	25.97% 80	12.01% 37	29.55% 91	14.29% 44	18.18% 56	308
Research	37.76% 108	10.49% 30	22.38% 64	13.99% 40	15.73% 45	286
Computer time	64.84% 177	12.82% 35	10.26% 28	3.66% 10	9.16% 25	273
Copy/scan/send emails	57.55% 160	14.03% 39	12.95% 36	4.32% 12	11.51% 32	278
Children's programs	38.83% 113	6.87% 20	14.78% 43	12.37% 36	27.15% 79	291
Adult programs	16.61% 52	6.71% 21	22.04% 69	25.24% 79	29.39% 92	313
Study space for students	36.76% 100	8.09% 22	22.43% 61	17.65% 48	15.07% 41	272
Pick-up and drop-off location only	30.58% 89	13.75% 40	18.21% 53	11.68% 34	25.77% 75	291
Inter-library loans	18.10% 57	8.57% 27	14.60% 46	15.56% 49	43.17% 136	315

Q6 If you are not currently using the library system, would you begin using the library and/or obtain a library card if a branch were established in Southern Shores?

Answered: 386 Skipped: 21



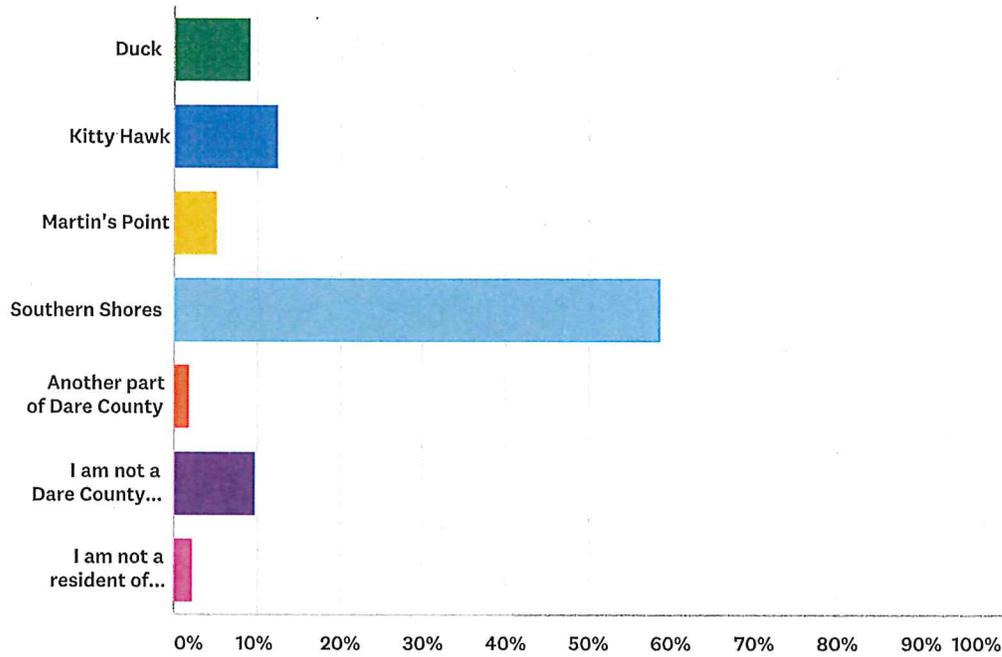
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	32.12%	124
No	10.62%	41
N/A	57.25%	221
TOTAL		386

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.

Answered: 120 Skipped: 287

Q8 Now we would like you to tell us about your current library usage:I am a resident of

Answered: 403 Skipped: 4



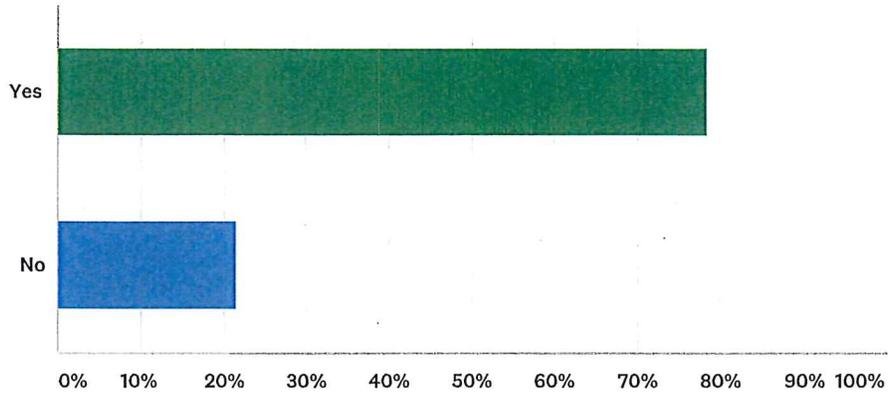
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Duck	9.18%	37
Kitty Hawk	12.66%	51
Martin's Point	5.21%	21
Southern Shores	58.81%	237
Another part of Dare County	1.99%	8
I am not a Dare County resident, but a Dare County homeowner	9.93%	40
I am not a resident of Dare County	2.23%	9
TOTAL		403

Q9 I have an East Albemarle library card. (includes Dare and Currituck Counties)

Answered: 394 Skipped: 13



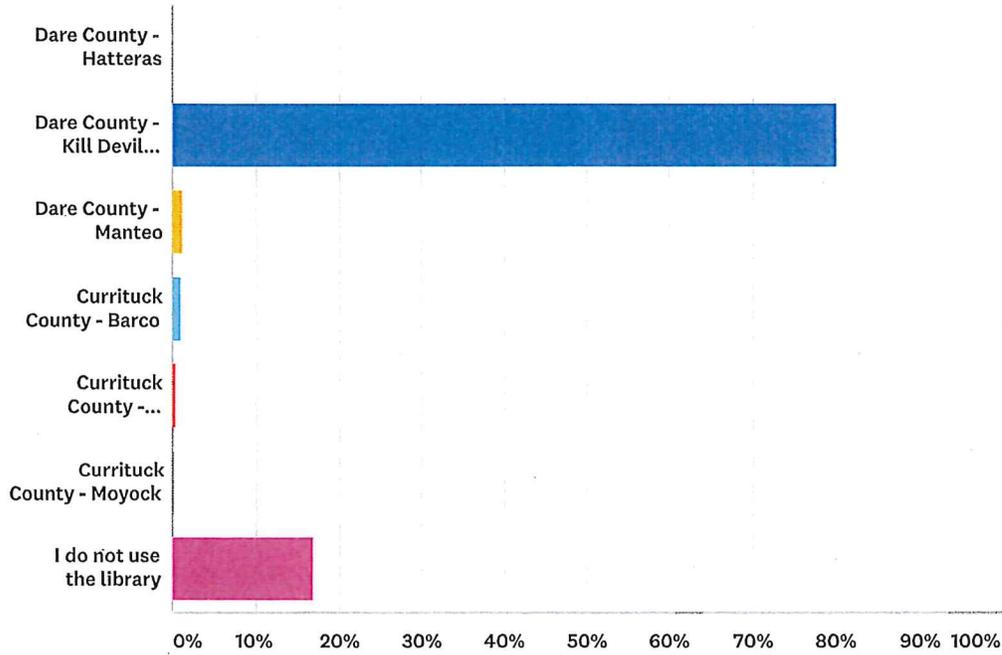
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Yes	78.43%	309
No	21.57%	85
TOTAL		394

Q10 I most frequently use the following library branch

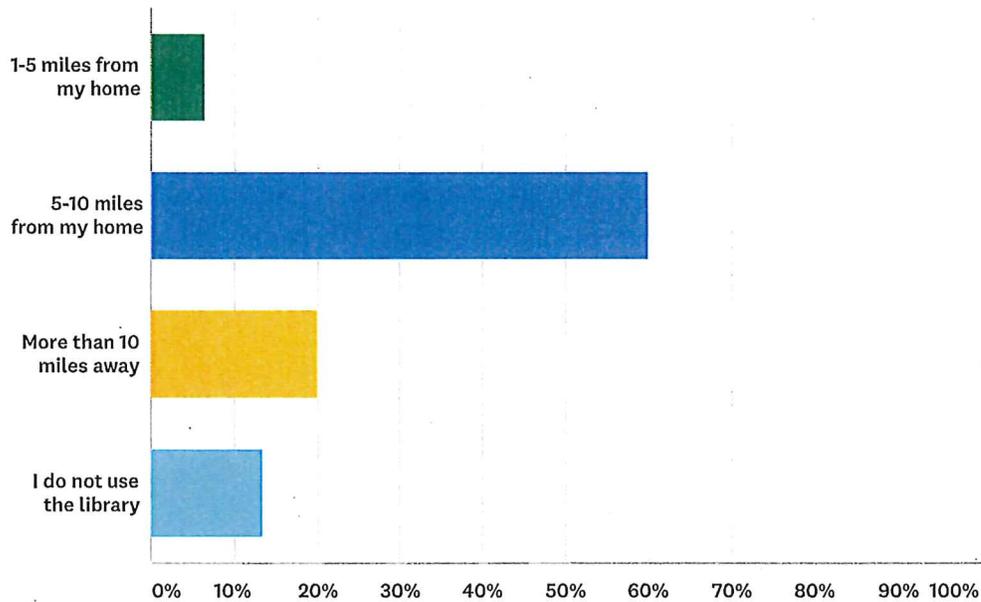
Answered: 397 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Dare County - Hatteras	0.00%	0
Dare County - Kill Devil Hills	80.10%	318
Dare County - Manteo	1.26%	5
Currituck County - Barco	1.01%	4
Currituck County - Corolla	0.50%	2
Currituck County - Moyock	0.25%	1
I do not use the library	16.88%	67
TOTAL		397

Q11 The branch I use is located

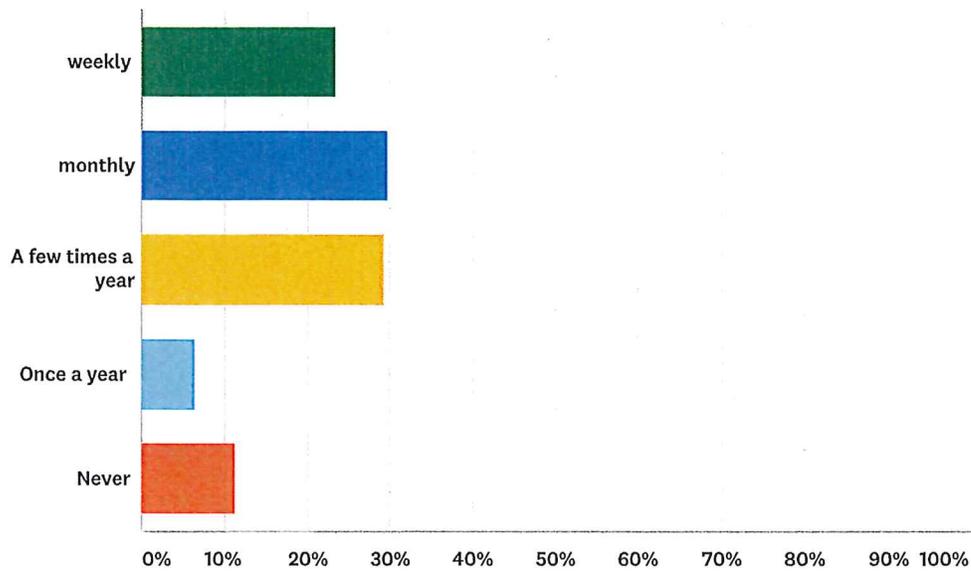
Answered: 388 Skipped: 19



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-5 miles from my home	6.44%	25
5-10 miles from my home	60.05%	233
More than 10 miles away	20.10%	78
I do not use the library	13.40%	52
TOTAL		388

Q12 On average, I visit the library

Answered: 390 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
weekly	23.33%	91
monthly	29.74%	116
A few times a year	29.23%	114
Once a year	6.41%	25
Never	11.28%	44
TOTAL		390

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.

Answered: 120 Skipped: 287

#	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 https://www.pewinternet.org/2015/09/15/who-uses-libraries-and-what-they-do-at-their-libraries/	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 branch 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