

## Understanding the role of TML in Cape Elizabeth.

The library committee is seeking to understand the interests and needs of Cape residents in regard to the Thomas Memorial Library. Your views are critical to developing the plans for the future of our community library. Whether the library is housed in the current building, a renovated building, or a brand new building, service and program priorities should drive future plans for TML, so, with this in mind it is critical for us to understand what functions you want your community library to perform. Hopefully the questions below will provide insights on your preferences and priorities, but if you have further thoughts please add them at the end of this survey. Thank you for your time and support of the community we all love.

- 1) We want to hear from as many different constituencies in the community as possible, including those who use the library regularly and those who don't. Please tell us how frequently you or members of your household use TML.
- Once a week
  - twice a month
  - monthly
  - rarely

2) What are the most important functions of the library for you?  
Please rank your priorities. (1-8, with 1 being most important)

- Children's Programs
  - To browse and borrow books & reading material
  - Computers
  - Technology instruction
  - Reading area and seating
  - Small work rooms/tutorial rooms
  - Community gathering space
  - Collaborative work space
  - Large meeting room
  - Other/ what have we missed
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3) Relative to your priorities...

- where do we need to add resources?

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- where do we need to subtract resources?

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4) What do you like about the current building and where it is located? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you NOT like about the current building and where it is located? \_\_\_\_\_

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What can we change?

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What is off limits to change?

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5) *There will always be constraints on the Town's budget, available Space and Staff time. However, some libraries have been offering new programs not currently available at TML. In order to accommodate new programs, for example, film series, lectures, technology instruction, etc.):*

- *Would you support offsite programs/services located within Cape? \_\_\_\_\_*
- *Would you support offsite programs/services co-funded and occasionally located in neighboring communities? \_\_\_\_\_*
- *Would you attend? \_Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_*

6) **How well do these statements correlate with your ideas of what our library ought to be and do in Cape Elizabeth? Please rank them from 1-5, with 1 being the statement that best describes, and 5 being the statement that least describes, what you think our library ought to be and do.**

Please Rank  
1(best)-  
5(worst)

Our library will provide excellent customer service through commitment to staff training and an emphasis on internal communication. It will be a focal point for community dialog and the sharing of ideas.

Our library will be a welcoming community center for human interaction, intellectual stimulation and cultural enrichment for all ages. It will be a place where the experience of the past can meet the needs of the present and future, providing access to materials onsite and in other locations.

Our library will provide people of all ages with a facility and services consistent with available community resources. This will include a stimulating and welcoming atmosphere, access to knowledge through diverse formats, assistance with access to information, support for formal and independent education, and opportunities for lifelong learning and enjoyment.

Our library will serve as a community-gathering place, a cultural destination and a gateway to ideas for residents of all ages and interests through books, media, technology, and innovative programs. It will provide free and convenient access to information within and beyond our walls.

Our library will inspire lifelong learning, advance knowledge, and strengthen our community through our staff, our collections, and our physical and virtual spaces.

7) Please add any additional questions or perspectives you might want the committee to hear or respond to!

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