A New Library Building --Some Questions to Consider

1. Consider the current Library:

What works?

What is missing?

What don’t we like?

2. Why do we want to have a new Library (beyond general space needs)?

3. How do we see the building functioning into the future?

4. What is our vision for a new Library?

5. What requirements are needed to fulfill the long-range plan?

6. What proportion of space should be allotted to various collections and uses?

Now Ideal

Administrative/staff work areas

Audio recordings

A/V Storage

Catalog stations

Children’s area

Circulation/reference services

Digital Lab

DVDs

FOL activities

Large Print

MakerSpaces

Meeting Rooms

Oversize

Periodicals

Print fiction

Print non-fiction

Print reference

Public computers/printer-copiers

Public meetings

Public programming

Public service desks

Public soft seating

Public work/study space

Restrooms

Special collections

(NW, Spanish language, etc.)

Staff break room

Storage

Study rooms

Technology for patrons

Technology for staff (server, etc.)

Teen collections, workspace and seating

Utilities

6. What spaces that we don’t have now would we like in a new facility?

7. Consider Andrew Faulkner Brown’s *Top Ten Qualities of Good Library Space:*

Functional

Adaptable

Accessible

Varied

Interactive

Conducive

Environmentally suitable

Safe and secure

Efficient

Suitable for information technology

+ exciting ambience and aesthetics

8. How much can we realistically afford to spend?