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Call For Feedback On Library Conceptual Designs

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The San Juan Island Library thanks all those who attended the Open House about the New Library Building Project on February 12th at the Brickworks. With more than 200 people in attendance, it was an event of lively conversation and thoughtful discussion. Participants could see poster-sized conceptual ideas of what the new library could look like and provide their feedback.

The Library is asking for additional feedback from community members. The presentation materials are now available on the Library's website (www.sjlib.org/aboutus/library-building-project/), and posters of design ideas are available to view in the Library's Meeting Room. A feedback form is available on the Library's website, and in printed form at the Library.

As feedback is collected over these next few months, the Library is working on next steps, which include:

- The Steering Committee will continue to gather feedback to improve the design ideas and ensure the library planning reflects the community's needs and values.
- The Library will hire a Development Director to collaborate with the San Juan Island Community Foundation in developing a comprehensive fundraising plan for the construction of a library that best serves the current and future needs of the community. Fiscal responsibility and sustainability are priorities of our library development.
- The design teams will continue to explore the two design ideas shared. These designs will be priced by a contractor familiar with local building in order to acquire reliable estimates that can be used to inform the size and budget of the library project.
- The Library will continue to share its progress as available.

Stay tuned for more information as this project develops!

Library staff can answer any questions you have at 360.378.2798 or sjlib@sjlib.org. Library programs and cards are free of charge to San Juan Island residents. In addition to its collections of books, videos, equipment, games, audiobooks, and other materials to loan, the library also provides public access computers, WiFi, and a suite of databases that patrons can access in the library or at home. Library hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10 am to 6 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 am to 8 pm, Saturdays 10 am to 5 pm, and Sundays 12 pm to 3 pm.

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