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WE WANT YOUR THOUGHTS!



Design materials are available on the Library's website, and posters of design ideas are available to view in the Library's Meeting Room.



Fill out a feedback form online or at the Library!

more info at:

www.sjlib.org/aboutus/library-building-project/



UPDATE ON THE NEW LIBRARY PROJECT



SEE DESIGN IDEAS INSIDE THE FOLDS

The Open House

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.



As the Steering Committee continues to gather feedback to improve the design ideas and ensure the library planning reflects the community's needs and values, the Library is working on next steps, which will include:

Hiring a Development Director to collaborate with the San Juan Island Community Foundation on a comprehensive fundraising plan for the construction of the new library.

Fiscal responsibility and sustainability are priorities of our library development, and the Library Board of Trustees has determined to raise the funding for the new library through private and public donations and grants. This means that there is no proposed bond, and it will not place an additional tax burden on our community.

The design ideas will be priced by contractors 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 new developments as available!

Guiding Values

As part of the community engagement process, we identified the following values as core to the project. These values have informed all following decisions, and will continue to be guiding values throughout the process.

Sustainability

Create a lasting project that will serve future generations on multiple levels:
Social, Economic, Environmental.

Cultural Celebration

Acknowledgment of the Indigenous history rooted in the San Juan Islands. Intentional paths to celebrate this.

Plan for the Future

Flexibility, planning for future generations' needs with programs and spaces.

Maintain & Improve What People Already Love

Assurances that the cozy, helpful, active and joyful environment currently felt by the community will migrate to the new space and even be improved.

Intergenerational

Foster interactions between different age groups that influence creativity, knowledge exchange, problem solving, and collective well-being.

Reflection of Place

A new facility that will be a reflection of the community's history, future and also of the island itself.

Placemaking

A place where all are welcome and public services are provided. A place of pride for the community and where community feels welcome to gather, engage, focus, learn and play.

Collaboration with Community Partners

Intentional paths to meeting community needs with SJIL partners. Together is stronger.

Open the page to see the design ideas!



Design Idea 1

17,000 square feet - 61 parking spaces



View of entry courtyard



View from Spring Street

IN THIS DESIGN:

1. The car circulation takes advantage of existing easements- allowing for more of the property to remain landscaped.
2. The U-shaped building opens out to the street.
3. The building can be entered from the south or the north.
4. There is a natural, park-like area for enjoyment, and for small and large outdoor library programs to the south of the library.
5. This design uses the entire site, including the north parcel.
6. Parking includes 61 spaces (current library has 39).
7. The existing grove of trees at the west of the site remains.
8. The playground occurs near the grove of trees, separate from the main outdoor gathering area.
9. The reading room has plenty of west and south facing windows for natural light.
10. This design is approx. 17,000 square feet.
11. This design includes a large meeting room/auditorium (capacity 100) that is accessible after hours, and 3 additional smaller meeting rooms.
12. This design includes a makerspace.
13. This design includes a study room for tweens/teens.

Design Idea 2

14,000 square feet - 54 parking spaces



View from Spring Street



View from play area

IN THIS DESIGN:

1. The car circulation and parking occur entirely on the property.
2. The L-shaped building can be entered from the west or the north.
3. There is a smaller courtyard/plaza.
4. The north parcel of the property is reserved for sale or partner opportunities, or potential future library expansion.
5. Parking includes 54 spaces (current library has 39).
6. The playground is adjacent to the main outdoor gathering space.
7. The reading room has plenty of east facing windows for natural light.
8. This design is approx. 14,000 square feet.
9. This design includes one larger (capacity 60) and one smaller meeting room.