LOVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
BRANCH FEASIBILITY STUDY

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2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Loveland Public Library contracted Wember Inc. to conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of developing a new branch library for the City of Loveland. A second library location was identified in a previously conducted Facilities Master Plan Study that was completed in 2014 by Belford Watkins Group, LLC Architects for the City of Loveland. This master plan study looked at all facilities owned by the City of Loveland and addressed their immediate and long-term maintenance needs and growth capacities. The 2014 study identified that the Loveland Public Library would need additional square footage by the year 2023, and additional square footage by the year 2038.

This Feasibility Study builds on the work of the Facilities Master Plan Study, and provides specific recommendations for the branch library site, building size, costs and functionality.

The scope of the Feasibility Study contains the following specific focus areas:

1) Needs Assessment
2) Space Use Planning and Building Program
3) Capital Project Budget
4) Operations and Maintenance Budget
5) Conclusions and Recommendations

The Needs Assessment objective was achieved through a conducting a review of the existing and projected demographics for the City of Loveland and the Loveland Public Library, and the recommended library size. The Space Use and Building Program objective was met through a review of the existing library building program spaces, and with input from the Library staff. The Capital Project Budget was established by comparing regional construction costs to the building square footage. The Operations and Maintenance Budget was established by reviewing existing costs at the existing Library. A primary goal of the Feasibility Study was to gather input from community members on their ideas and preferences for the second branch location and its general building program. This public input was used to focus the analysis of the site recommendation, as well as to more accurately arrive on the final Conclusions and Recommendations of this study.

Needs Assessment

An analysis of existing demographic information for the City of Loveland was conducted. The City of Loveland has seen steady growth since 2010, and as of the beginning of 2017 had an estimated population of 74,386 (City of Loveland Planning Department, 2017). It is estimated that Loveland will continue to grow by approximately 1.5 – 2.2%, and by 2023 the population is anticipated to be 85,545.

The existing Loveland Public Library underwent a major addition and renovation in 2012, which expanded the facility from 32,000 to 57,225 gross square feet.

One aspect evaluated by the Colorado Public Library Standards is the amount of square footage per capita of public libraries throughout the State. If a library falls into the 50th percentile, it is considered meeting the essential needs of the patrons. If it is in the 75th percentile, it is meeting the enhanced needs, and if it is in the 95th percentile it is meeting the comprehensive needs. This square footage per capita standard sets a benchmark for evaluating a public library on a square footage basis only. It does not evaluate the efficiency or quality of a library’s performance and how it delivers services to its patrons.
In the City’s Facilities Master Plan Study that was completed in 2014, the recommended size of the new branch library was set at 14,300 square feet.

Given the current Library facility’s square footage of 57,225, and the estimated population of 85,545 by 2023, the Loveland Public Library will have 0.66 sf/per capita, without the addition of the new branch. With 0.66 sf/per capita, the Loveland Public Library would be in the 25th percentile of Colorado libraries. With the addition of a 14,300 square foot new branch, the Library would have 0.86 sf/per capita, falling below the 50th percentile. Based on input from the Library staff, as well as the public feedback gathered through the information gathering sessions, it is recommended that the size of the new branch library be increased to larger than what was identified in the Facilities Master Plan. If the new branch library were to be increased to 20,000 square feet, the Library system would have 0.90 sf/per capita, and with a 30,000 square foot branch, the rate would go to 1.02 sf/per capita, putting the Library at the 75th percentile.

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<td>1.27</td>
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The existing facility houses 37 full-time equivalent Library staff, and provides 147 on-site parking spaces (Belford Watkins Group, llc Architects, 2014). Based on a recommended 4 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of building space, the current facilities should have an additional 83 parking spaces for a total of 230. This does not include the use of the parking lot by staff and visitors to the Municipal Building and Park and Recreation facilities that also share the lot.

Currently the Loveland Public Library serves 26,749 households in the greater Loveland area, and 22,390 within the current Loveland City limits.

**Space Use Planning and Building Program**

Through the space use planning and building programing review, it was determined that a range in building size would be evaluated. The two sizes evaluated were 20,000 square feet and 30,000 square feet.
The Program areas identified to be included in the new branch library are the following: Staff/Back of House, Customer Service Desk, Adult Collections/Services, Children’s Collections/Services, Teen Collections/Services, Computers/Technology, Break Out/Study Rooms, Community Room(s), and Service (including lobby, restrooms, mechanical rooms, and circulation). Additionally, the Friends of the Loveland Public Library have indicated a desire for a space to sort and potentially sell used books.

Additionally, it is recommended that the design and layout of the new branch library allows for flexibility in the building program areas and the ability to easily modify the areas to best serve the community as the needs of the building programs may change over time.

**FIGURE 2 – BUILDING PROGRAM AREA SQUARE FOOTAGE AND PERCENTAGE**

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<th>Building Program Areas</th>
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<td>20,000</td>
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<td>Staff / Back of House</td>
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<td>Children’s Collections/Services</td>
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<td>Teen Collections/Services</td>
<td>2,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Computers/Technology/Maker Space</td>
<td>800</td>
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<td>Break Out/Study Rooms</td>
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<td>Community Room(s)</td>
<td>2,000</td>
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<td>Friends of the Library - sorting space</td>
<td>1,600</td>
<td>2,100</td>
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<td>Building Services *</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>20,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>30,000</strong></td>
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<td><strong>100%</strong></td>
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*Building Services includes lobby, restrooms, mechanical rooms, circulation and exterior walls

It is recommended that parking for the new branch library be provided at a rate of 4 vehicles per 1,000 square feet of building space. This factors to 80 parking spaces for a 20,000 square foot building and 120 parking spaces for a 30,000 square foot building.

**Capital Project Budget**

Estimated construction costs were calculated for both a 20,000 sf and 30,000 sf facility. The estimated costs include land acquisition costs, architecture and engineering (A&E) costs, owner’s requirements (including environmental testing, material testing & inspections, and utilities), construction, permits & fees, fixtures furnishings and equipment (FF&E), technology (including audio visual systems, computers and security), and design and construction contingencies (See Figure 3 – Capital Project Budget). All Capital Project Budget figures are in 2018 dollars, and are not escalated to anticipate future cost increases in the design and construction market.

The estimated construction cost for the 20,000 square foot building is $8.5 million, with a total project cost of $16 million. The estimated construction cost for the 30,000 square foot building is $12.6 million, with a total project cost of $22.7 million.
FIGURE 3 - CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET

City of Loveland - New Branch Library

Owner's Capital Project Budget

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>New Construction (GSF)</td>
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<td>3000 Owner's Requirements</td>
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<td>4000 Construction</td>
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<td>6000 Fixtures, Furnishings &amp; Equipment</td>
<td>$1,730,000</td>
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<td>8000 Technology</td>
<td>$979,440</td>
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<td>9000 Contingencies</td>
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<td>$2,520,000</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$16,060,765</td>
<td>$22,681,015</td>
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Operations and Maintenance Budget

The Operations and Maintenance budget for the new branch is based on current labor, services, and utility and operations costs at the existing Library.

The new branch library would require a minimum of eleven new staff members. The new staff would require approximately $621,947.00 for wages and benefits the first year, and that amount would increase approximately 5% compounded annually, based on current eligible staff benefits.

The Operations and Maintenance budget would require approximately $376,802 per year, not including staffing. This budget includes Supplies and Services required by the new branch library, as well as the Facilities Operations and Maintenance costs. The Operations and Maintenance budget was calculated by utilizing the square foot cost for these items at the existing Library as provided by the City of Loveland, and then factored by the recommended new branch library’s square footage. The square foot cost for Operations and Maintenance expenses at the existing Library is $4.12.

The first year’s budget includes a one-time cost of $25,000 for a new vehicle purchase. This vehicle would be a cargo van, and would be used to transport Library materials and equipment between the two facilities. The on-going yearly maintenance of this vehicle is included in the Supplies and Services component of the budget.
Conclusions and Recommendations

With the anticipated growth of the Loveland area over the next five years, the current use of the existing Library, and the location of the Library patrons, this feasibility study confirms the recommendation from the Facilities Master Plan Study that the Loveland Public Library build a new branch library. In addition, a third branch location was recommended in the Facilities Master Plan Study, and it is our recommendation that this third branch be planned for in the future.

After review of the existing Library patrons’ locations and the anticipated residential growth in the City of Loveland, it is recommended that the new branch be located in the northwest area of the City. This new branch should be approximately 30,000 square feet to accommodate the anticipated future population growth of Loveland and the surrounding region while maintaining adequate ratio of population to square footage. A new 30,000 square foot facility will cost an estimated $22.7 million, which includes the total project costs, including design and engineering, construction, and fixtures, furniture and equipment.
3. WHO

City of Loveland Information

The City of Loveland is located in Larimer County in the growing Northern Colorado Region on the I-25 Corridor, 46 miles north of downtown Denver. Loveland has a population of 74,385, with 31,386 housing units within a 35 square mile area.

The City is located in Thompson R2J School District, and is home to 25 of the District’s 36 school buildings. Loveland is the home of campuses for Aims Community College and Colorado Christian University.

Loveland has 492 acres of parkland in 35 City parks and one sports complex. There are 4,600 acres of preserved open lands within 28 natural areas/open spaces. Loveland has a recreation center, outdoor swimming pool, 3 golf courses and a mini course, a swim beach at Lake Loveland, and 18 miles of recreation trails.

The City of Loveland has expanded since it was incorporated, through annexation and is currently 35.47 square miles or 22,700 acres. The City has land to grow within the Growth Management Area, and will ultimately comprise 66 square miles.

FIGURE 4 - LOVELAND CITY LIMITS
City of Loveland Demographics

The City of Loveland is located in the growing Northern Colorado Region on the I-25 Corridor, 46 miles north of downtown Denver. As of December 31, 2017, the City has an estimated population of 75,840 within a 35 square mile area, and over the last five years has had an average population growth of over 1.81% annually.

Though Loveland continues to grow, overall there have not been enough new housing units added to keep up with the demand based on building permit data compared with growth rate forecasts from the Colorado State Demographer’s Office. The short-term population growth is dependent on housing supply and in the very near term, it is estimated that the population growth is expected to see an increase of up to 2.25% to 3.24%. This short-term increase is due to an increase in multi-family housing units planned to be constructed through 2019.

The short-term population forecasts have been developed by the City of Loveland using growth rates determined by the State Demographer’s Office and estimates of projected housing units to be constructed within the City. Long-term population forecasts were determined by growth rates developed by the State Demographer’s Office for the Loveland sub-area.

Though the City of Loveland saw an increase in population during the period of 2000 to 2017, the number of school-aged children (under 19) fell nearly 16%. During this same period, the age groups over 45 experienced the largest growth rate, with the 45-64 increasing 17% and 65-84 increasing 33%. The median age during this period rose from 38 to 40. Despite the increase in the population in the over 45 age group, the numbers of 20-34 population has stayed steady.
The minority population of Loveland has grown by 72% since 2000, and currently non-white residents make up 8% of the total population. The City is almost evenly split between males and females.
The current Loveland Public Library is located in the lowest documented income level area of the City. The recommended location for the new branch would be in the middle-income level area of the City. (See Figure 7).

All population demographic information was provided by the City of Loveland in the Annual Data and Assumptions Report – August 2017 & 2018 and from the Loveland Public Library.

PUMA is a Public Use Microdata Area. A Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA) are statistical geographic units defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. The Data USA platform uses PUMAS for showing Location, Occupation and Industry data from the American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample.
Loveland Library History and Information

In 1901 the first Loveland Library was established by the Women’s Improvement Society. This library was set up in the home of Anna Duffield. In 1905, the Loveland Town Board accepted the responsibility of funding a public library service. Three years later, with local fundraising and a $10,000 donation from Andrew Carnegie, the first library building was opened. The approximately 8,000 square foot Carnegie Building was located on the corner of 6th Street and Cleveland Avenue, and served the City for 60 years.

In 1968, at the same site, the original Carnegie Building was replaced with a 16,700 square foot, two story building. Despite the increased space the Loveland Public Library outgrew the 1968 building. With very little parking at the 6th Street site, no room to expand on the site, and lacking a required and costly elevator, it was decided by the City to relocate the Library to a new site.

A new Loveland Public Library building was opened in September 1987 in the Civic Center Complex. The new 28,000 square foot, one-story building was located next to the Loveland Municipal Building and had plentiful parking and easy access to Foote Lagoon.

In April 1996, a 4,000 square foot addition was added to the northeast corner of the building. This addition housed the Library’s media collection and a public computer lab.

In 2006, based on a programming and facilities adequacy study, the Loveland Library Board and Friends of the Loveland Public Library recommended that the Library add additional space to meet the needs of the community. In 2010, with over $2 million in donations, work began on a 27,000 square foot, two-story addition to the existing Library building. In addition to the expanded square footage, the existing building was renovated. Through the addition and renovation, the Library building was able to receive LEED certification through the U.S. Green Building Council. This was the first City of Loveland building to receive LEED certification.
# 4. WHAT

**Loveland Branch Library**

Through the information gathering process it was determined that the new branch would offer building spaces for a wide array of patrons similar to the existing Library. The patron areas in the new branch are not to replace any services provided by the main branch but are to complement those already provided. The following patron areas have been identified for inclusion: Adult Collections/Services, Children’s Collections/Services, Teen Collections/Services, Break Out/Study Rooms, Community Room(s) and Computers/Technology. In addition, the following required functional areas are included for space planning: Staff/Back of House, Customer Service Area and Building Services (lobby, restrooms, circulation and mechanical spaces). The Staff/Back of House area is to serve the new branch only and will not duplicate or replace the management and service spaces provided at the existing Library. In addition, space was requested for the Friends of the Loveland Public Library to sort and possibly sell books as part of their twice a year book sale.

The ratio of spaces was determined by an evaluation of the existing Library space ratios and additional libraries in the Rocky Mountain Region.

The program space ratios for the two size options for the new branch library are the same with the following exceptions: in the 30,000 square foot building program: the Customer Service Area remains the same size but is a reduction of 1%, the Friends of Loveland Public Library space is reduced from 8% to 7%, and the Staff/Back of House from 12% to 10% but is a net increase in square footage for both spaces, Computers/Technology/Maker Space increases from 4% to 6%, and the Break Out/Study Room(s) increase from 3% to 5%. The increase in percentage of square footage in the Computers/Technology/Maker Space and the Break Out/Study Room(s) was based on the public input for these type of patron spaces and was made possible by maintaining the Customer Service Area total square footage and reducing the percentage of space for Staff/Back of House and the Friends of the Loveland Public Library between the two size options.

## 20,000 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING PROGRAM

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<td>2,400 sf</td>
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<td>Adult Collections/Services</td>
<td>5,000 sf</td>
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<td>2,000 sf</td>
<td>(10%)</td>
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<td>Computers/Technology/Maker Space</td>
<td>800 sf</td>
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<td>Break Out/Study Rooms</td>
<td>600 sf</td>
<td>(3%)</td>
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<td>Community Room(s) (approximately 133 max. occupants)</td>
<td>2,000 sf</td>
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<td>1,600 sf</td>
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<td>3,000 sf</td>
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## 30,000 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING PROGRAM

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<td>Adult Collections/Services</td>
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Computers/Technology /Maker Space----------------------------------------------- 1,800 sf (6%)
Break Out/Study Rooms ---------------------------------------------------------- 1,500 sf (5%)
Community Room(s) (approximately 200 max. occupants) ------------------------- 3,000 sf (10%)
Friends of the Loveland Public Library – sorting space ------------------------ 2,100 sf (7%)
Building Services - Lobby, Restrooms, Building Circulation & Mechanical Room – 4,500 sf (15%)

**BRANCH LIBRARY – ADJACENCIES BUBBLE BUILDING PLAN – 30,000 SF**

**FIGURE 8 - ADJACENCIES BUBBLE BUILDING PLAN - 30,000 SF (NOT TO SCALE)**

### 5. WHY

**Loveland Library Demographics**

The Loveland Public Library utilizes Alteryx by Experian to collect, analyze and present demographic data on patrons and their use of the facility.
As of June 15, 2018, the Loveland Public Library served 26,749 total patron households (households with Loveland Public Library cards). Of these total households, 22,390 were in the Experian household database (within the Loveland City limits).

FIGURE 8 - LIBRARY PATRON HOUSEHOLDS
These 26,749 households conducted 44,503 individual patron transactions. Considering the patrons with current Library cards, 53% have performed individual transactions.

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<td>Total</td>
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In 2017, the number of patrons that live within fifteen minutes of the existing Library was 80%. There is a significant drop-off in patrons that use the Loveland Library that live more than fifteen minutes away.

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<td>20-25</td>
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<td>25-30</td>
<td>987</td>
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<td>30+</td>
<td>1,271</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>26,749</strong></td>
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**FIGURE 11**
The greater Loveland area has five public libraries within 13 miles of the Loveland Public Library (see figure 6). The closest of these is the Berthoud Community Library, which is 7 miles away.

FIGURE 12 - GREATER LOVELAND AREA LIBRARIES - 5 MILE RADIUS
FIGURE 13 - LIBRARY PATRONS 5 MILE RADIUS
6. WHERE

Three Site Options

Following input from the public information gathering meetings, and an evaluation of the current and anticipated growth patterns of the City of Loveland, Zone One is the recommended location of the new branch library. Within Zone One, three different sites were identified and evaluated as potential location for the new branch library. These three sites were looked at as examples of possible sites in Zone One, and the owners of these sites have not been approached by or are not in any negotiations for purchase at this time. These three sites were selected to show a variety of site sizes and location within Zone One and were used primarily as a way to demonstrate the type of site into which a new branch library might best fit or be located.

All three sites reviewed are close to Loveland Public Transit System bus routes, although no site currently has adjacent bus stops.

Throughout the public information gathering sessions, co-locating the library and a new recreation center on one site in the Northwest area of Loveland was frequently mentioned as the most optimal way to locate and position a new branch library in the City.

The three different sample sites evaluated in Zone One were: Mehaffey Park, Wilson Avenue and West 43rd Street, and North Taft Avenue and West 43rd Street.

FIGURE 14 - CITY OF LOVELAND ZONE MAP
After reviewing each sample site, a numeric score based was determined based on criteria in four categories: Site Features, Usability / Services, Anticipated Costs, and Community Usability and Input. See Appendix 2 for the Site Evaluation Criteria.

Sample Site 1: Mehaffey Park
14.3 acres

Sample Site 2: Wilson and W. 43rd
14.13 acres

Sample Site 3: N. Taft and W. 43rd
4.7 acres

FIGURE 15 - ENLARGED ZONE ONE AREA
SAMPLE SITE ONE – MEHAFFEY PARK

The Mehaffey Park site is located just south of West 29th Street, west of the Loveland Fire Station #2, and is approximately 14.3 acres in size. An existing drainage ravine splits the site into two sections with approximately 8.5 acres on the east side and 4.5 acres on the west. The remaining 1.3 acres are in the West 29th Street right of way. The cleanup requirements for the drainage ravine are unknown at this time.

This site is large enough to be shared with other City of Loveland departments or to be planned for future additions and growth. Co-locating two facilities at this site may require utilizing exiting City-owned land adjacent to this site. Additional review of siting the new branch would be required if this site is utilized by other departments.

The Loveland Classical Schools is in close proximity to Site One, with Centennial Elementary School and Loveland High School within two miles from the site.

This site is adjacent to Mehaffey Park and the Recreation Trail and 29th Street has bike lanes.

The views from this site are primarily to the west and south, with great views to Longs Peak and Mehaffey Park.
SAMPLE SITE TWO – NORTH WILSON AND WEST 43RD

The North Wilson Avenue and West 43rd Street site is located at the northwest corner of the intersection. This site is made up of five (5) lots that total 14.13 acres in size. This site is located in a primarily residential area with some light industrial and commercial business in the area. This site is large enough to be shared with other City of Loveland departments, or to be planned to accommodate future additions and growth. Co-locating two facilities at this site may require acquiring additional parcels at this location, depending on the programs of the additional department. Additional review of siting the new branch would be required if this site is utilized by other departments.

Ponderosa Elementary School and Lucile Erwin Middle School are in close proximity to Site Two. Centennial Elementary School is within two miles from the site.

The site is located on streets with bike lanes and is close to the Emerald Glen Natural Area and the Recreation Trail.

The views from this site are primarily to the east and south.
SAMPLE SITE THREE – NORTH TAFT AND WEST 43RD

The North Taft Avenue and West 43rd Street site is located at the southeast corner of the intersection. This site is a single site, is approximately 4.7 acres in size, is currently not in the City limits and therefore would require it to be annexed. The site is not large enough to be shared with any other City of Loveland departments, and does not allow for future expansion. Site Three is in a primarily residential area, but is in close proximity to some light commercial business, as well as a senior living facility.

There are no schools in close proximity to Site Three, but Ponderosa and Centennial Elementary Schools, Lucile Erwin Middle School and Loveland High School are within two miles of the site.

This site is located on streets with bike lanes.

The views from this site are primarily to the west.

**Final Site Recommendation**

Based on all of the input received from the various public information gathering sessions, and considering specifically the three sample sites that were analyzed in more detail in this study, Sample Site One at Mahaffey Park is the recommended site for the new branch library. This site was strongly recommended by the public during the information gathering sessions due to its location adjacent to outdoor parklands and trail system and potentially adjacent to the proposed new City of Loveland recreation facility, if this is ultimately the chosen location for this facility.

The site is large enough for future expansion and outdoor programs. In addition, this site could be shared by other City of Loveland departments, primarily the Parks and Recreation Department, and could house the proposed new recreation facility. If this site is selected for both the new branch library and the new recreation center, a more thorough evaluation of siting the facilities will be required. It is also recommended that if this site is to be used for both new facilities, that one design team is selected for both facilities for better planning coordination and possible cost savings during the design phase of work. A joint site could also provide cost savings to each project during the land purchase and construction phase of work due to shared needs and requirements.
7. HOW

Capital Project Budget

The base capital project budget includes the estimates for two sizes of a new branch library, one at 20,000 square feet and a second at 30,000 square feet. The budget estimates were primarily calculated using square foot cost information, but some detailed items, such as individual equipment items, were calculated on a per item cost. The budget estimates are for total project costs including construction, design and engineering, fees and permits, and furniture and equipment. Both options include the same estimated site acquisition and development costs.

At the request of the City of Loveland, these construction budgets do not include any escalation factors and are based on current construction cost estimates. Escalation, based on current construction trends, should be factored at 6.5-8% per year for the near-term future. This escalation factor could add approximately $1 million dollars per year to the project for each of the first 3 years after 2018.

| City of Loveland - New Branch Library | Owner's Capital Project Budget |
| New Construction (GSF) | 20,000 | 30,000 |
| Description | Budget | Budget Cost/SF | Budget | Budget Cost/SF |
| 1000 | Land & Lease Cost | $1,053,000 | $52.65 | $1,053,000 | $35.10 |
| 2000 | Design & Engineering | $729,500 | $36.48 | $1,060,200 | $35.34 |
| 3000 | Owner's Requirements | $725,775 | $36.29 | $978,150 | $32.61 |
| 4000 | Construction | $8,500,000 | $425.00 | $12,600,000 | $420.00 |
| 5000 | Permits, Utilities Fees, Impact Fees & Resource Rights | $643,050 | $32.15 | $815,425 | $27.18 |
| 6000 | Fixtures, Furnishings & Equipment | $1,730,000 | $86.50 | $2,548,300 | $84.94 |
| 8000 | Technology | $979,440 | $48.97 | $1,105,940 | $36.86 |
| 9000 | Contingencies | $1,700,000 | $85.00 | $2,520,000 | $84.00 |
| Total | $16,060,765 | $803.04 | $22,681,015 | $756.03 |

FIGURE 19 – OWNE’S CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET

The new branch library has been identified as one of the City-wide Community Improvement Program (CIP) projects that could be funded through a voter approved tax-increase. The construction of the new branch library would be funded by the CIP funds, supplemented by existing Library capital improvements funds that are already held by the City of Loveland.

Additional funding sources for capital construction of the new branch library have been identified as the following:

- Fundraising / Friends of the Loveland Public Library
- City of Loveland Capital Expansion Fee funds - $2,092,985.00 available at this time.
- Various grants and donations including, but not limited to DOLA, Boettcher, El Pomar and Anschutz

**Operations and Maintenance Budget**

The Operations Budget is comprised of four components: Staffing, Building Supplies and Services, Facilities Operations and Maintenance, and Vehicle Purchase. The Vehicle Purchase is a one-time expense for a cargo van used to transport materials back and forth between the two Library facilities. The on-going yearly vehicle expenses are included in the Building Supplies and Services component of the Operations Budget.

<table>
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<tr>
<th><strong>Total Operations and Maintenance Costs - Year</strong></th>
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<td>Staffing (first year) $621,947</td>
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<td>Building Supplies &amp; Services $253,300</td>
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<td>Facilities O&amp;M $123,502</td>
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<td>Vehicle Purchase (one time cost) $25,000</td>
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<td>$1,023,749</td>
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**FIGURE 20 - FIRST YEAR OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET**

**STAFFING**

The Staffing component of the budget includes estimated personnel expenses for eleven new full-time equivalent staff that will be required at the new branch library based on existing personnel projections. These projections were provided by Library staff, and the wages and benefits costs were calculated by the City of Loveland’s Human Resources based on current wage and benefit expenses.

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<tr>
<th><strong>Job Title</strong></th>
<th><strong>Annual Wage at FT</strong></th>
<th><strong># Positions</strong></th>
<th><strong>Total Annual by Position</strong></th>
<th><strong>Benefit cost at FT</strong></th>
<th><strong>Total</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td>Shelver/Material Handler</td>
<td>$22,838.40</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>$45,676.80</td>
<td>$13,703.04</td>
<td>$59,379.84</td>
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<td>Library Aide</td>
<td>$35,921.60</td>
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<td>$19,581.12</td>
<td>$84,851.52</td>
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**Notes**
- Based on average wage of current benefit eligible staff
- Yearly increase 5%
- Totals based on 2080 hours annually
- Benefit cost based on 30% of annual wages

**FIGURE 21 - STAFFING BUDGET COMPONENT**
BUILDING SUPPLIES AND SERVICES
The Building Supplies and Services component of the operations budget includes the estimated cost for materials and supplies used by the Library staff, replacement and upgrade of the collections, replacement, repair and maintenance of computers and equipment, and the yearly expenses for a vehicle. This budget was provided by the Library staff based on their current expenses and budget for the items listed.

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<th>Building Supplies &amp; Services Cost Description</th>
<th>Annual Budget</th>
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<td>Office Supplies</td>
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<td>Replacement (Non-Cap)</td>
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<td>Books and Periodicals</td>
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<td>Other Supplies</td>
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<td>Food</td>
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<td>Printing</td>
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<td>Travel/Meeting/Schooling</td>
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<td>TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS</td>
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FIGURE 22 - BUILDING SUPPLIES & SERVICES COMPONENT

FACILITIES OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE
The Facilities Operations and Maintenance budget component includes costs for maintenance of building mechanical and electrical systems and building components, custodial services, security and utilities costs. This budget is an estimate based on the budgeted expenses for the existing Library building, and factored by the square footage of both the existing and new square footages. The existing facility’s budgets were provided by the City of Loveland’s Public Works Department.

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<th>Facilities Operations &amp; Maintenance</th>
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<th>New Building 30,000</th>
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<td>Security</td>
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<td>Utilities (Estimated)</td>
<td>$ 5,666.67</td>
<td>$ 68,000.04</td>
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$ 235,703.04 | $ 4.12 | $ 123,502

FIGURE 23 - FACILITIES OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET COMPONENT
8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Considering all of the information that has been gathered and analyzed, and specifically focusing on the services of the Loveland Public Library, it is recommended that the City of Loveland move forward with the planning, design and construction of a new branch library. This recommendation is based on the anticipated growth of the Loveland area over the next five years, and the current use of the existing Library. It is anticipated that the Loveland population will be 85,545 by 2023. In 2017, the Loveland Public Library served 22,094 households in the Loveland city limits (26,041 total households). By 2023, using the same ratio of households to population, the Library would serve 24,982 households in the City limits. In addition, in 2017, the Library performed 43,099 total transactions. By 2023, using the same ratio of transactions to population, the Library would perform 48,733 total transactions.

Based on the community input received, the evaluation of residential growth patterns and the location of current Library patrons, it is recommended that the new branch library be built in the northwest area of the City of Loveland. It is recommended that the first option to be perused for the site of the new branch library would be at or adjacent to Mehaffey Park, and be built in coordination with the new proposed City of Loveland Recreation Center. Throughout the public input sessions, the desire for the new branch to be located close to outdoor recreational opportunities and walking and/or biking paths was strongly expressed. The Mehaffey Park site is close to many of the existing patrons, and is approximately 5 miles away from the existing Public Library. In addition, this site is approximately 9 miles away from the next closest library facility outside of the City of Loveland.

This new branch should be approximately 30,000 square feet to accommodate the anticipated future population growth of Loveland and the surrounding region, while maintaining adequate ratio of population to square footage. With a 30,000 square foot facility and per the estimated 2023 population of 85,545, the Loveland Public Library system would have a ratio of 1.01 sf/per capita, and would be slightly below the 75th percentile of Colorado libraries. A 30,000 square foot facility would allow for adequate building program area to serve all of the recommended user groups and functions. It is recommended that the new facility be designed and built in an open floor plan that would allow for flexibility of building program spaces. This flexibility would allow the new branch library to adjust and modify the facility as the needs of the community change.

A new 30,000 square foot facility would cost an estimated $22.7 million, which encompasses all capital project costs including design and engineering, construction, and fixtures, furniture and equipment. The projected cost includes a lump-sum estimate for land acquisition. If the Library were able coordinate the purchase of a site with the City’s Parks and Recreation Department, there could be some shared costs for site acquisition and site utility construction that could possibly help to reduce the costs for those items.
9. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Public Meeting – Information Gathering Sessions and Survey

As part of the Feasibility Study process a series of public meetings were held to gather community input regarding the new branch library, its location and other features. These public meetings were conducted by the feasibility study consultants and the Library staff. These meetings were held at various locations and were open to the public and by invitation. (Note, some public comments were edited for spelling and punctuation.)

1.1 INFORMATION GATHERING SESSION ONE – JANUARY 29TH, 2018

The first information gathering session was held at the Loveland Public Library in the Scott Room from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm and was held for the Library Staff, Board and Friends of the Library.

The participants were first presented with an overview of the purpose of the feasibility study, why it was been performed, the purpose of the information gathering sessions and the expectations of the participants in the sessions. They were next presented with information regarding possible locations that the new branch library could be located. The City was divided in to four quadrants and the pros and cons of each quadrant were discussed. The next portion of the session was dedicated to gathering public input. The participants were invited to place comments on large sheets of paper that were titled with different subjects pertaining to the new branch library. The different subjects were as follows: Role of the Library, Purpose of the New Branch, Adult Services, Teen Services, Children’s Services, Public Spaces, Staff / Back of House, Outdoor Space, Sustainability, Technology and Innovation, Miscellaneous, and Site Quadrant pros and cons.

The following comments were provided on the requested subjects:

Role of the Library
- Neighborhood public “forum”? space
- Offer classes for continuing education
- Community center and place to learn
- The way a community supports its library says a lot about the community. Top quality should be continued.
- Second floor of the library that is larger and more noticeable / attractive.
- Teach new things to the Public.
- Community gathering space.
- Share all the information.
- Facilitate life-long learning.
- To support the love of knowledge.
- Literacy.
Purpose of the new Branch Library
- Lots of copies of best sellers. Frequently refreshed collection.
- The branch does not have to duplicate all services at existing – i.e. no (text unreadable).
- This may depend on the surrounding neighborhood.
- To be a community center. To draw in and engage the community.
- Alleviate over crowded story times.
- Convenience drop off / pick up materials focused.
- Space for on-going book sales (like DPL main library store)
- To help spread out our availability for patrons to an area more convenient for them. More availability for programs

Adult Services
- More staff for business: career services, non-profit research.
- More study rooms.
- Purchase on-line recommendation rather than just pieces of paper
- More study room – maybe a “quiet room”.
- More study rooms, larger meeting spaces.
- More programming.
- Consider having adjustable desks / tables at the ref. desk. It’s a lifesaver.

Children’s Services
- Early literacy space – play area
- Story times. Play area.
- Big open floor space for activates, like a gym.
- Aquarium
- Big indoor playground
- Get kids excited about learning and take advantage of their curiosity.
- Indoor play area
- Keep children’s space separate from adult

Teen Services
- Cont’d gaming center
- Teen is bursting. Branch should be walking distance from a high school.
- Might not need what we have here – if teen population is more affluent.
- Connected contained outdoor space (closed when the library is).
- Near middle school.
- Create space within the space for older teens.
- Our teen room is overflowing – We need a lot of new space – (near Lucille Irwin?)
- Teens like to craft. Need sink.
- Movie room.

Staff / Back of House
- Lounge area instead of traditional break room.
- Not next to a study room.
- Employee parking.
- Security
• More Staff parking.
• Please more parking for staff!
• Respite area for staff.
• More storage space.
• Parking for employees.
• Larger area to process prospector and FLC bins that arrive daily.
• Parking lot is dangerous.
• Bathroom accessible from work area without walking through public area. Door to work
  area without walking through public area.
• Better outside lighting.
• Centralized staff space.
• Space for additional future staff.
• Reliable trained security.
• Less glass windows for office safety.
• No shared staff computers.

Public Spaces
• Circular open architecture w/ pods for department.
• Whatever is built should be top quality. Connect with the arts.
• A lot of light.
• More enclosed spaces!!!! Nooks & corners for people to relax (ie: fireplace at LPL)
• Auditorium or other space for small public performances.
• Study rooms – or study cubbies moveable.
• Outside space.
• Public performance space – outside, larger inside.
• Indoor large fountain.
• Larger public room, small auditorium
• A 21st century library needs meeting spaces – a variety of sizes.
• Real coffee shop.
• Children’s garden - experiment growing for food bank.
• Larger room for multipurpose 100+ people. Not an auditorium. Something you could put
  tables in. (Another comment agreed with this – 100 is small, more?)
• Definitely a fire place.
• Continue 2d art and niche art.
• Auditorium for = 600 people.
• Public computers out in the open.
• Skylights. Lots of natural lighting.
• Holds
• Meeting rooms
• Café
• Community meeting rooms.
• Flexible meeting rooms.
• Community garden.

Outdoor Space
• Outdoor gathering place is a good idea.
• Some outside stuff – gardens, benches, etc.
- Botanic garden
- Sun room or enclosed patio.
- Stage – performance area.
- Working garden – with fruit/nut trees.
- Space for outdoor story time.
- Fenced off outdoor space that closes when library does.
- “Commemorative” space(s) to encourage public funding.
- A park-like area with reading benches, trees, water, and maybe a playground.

Technology and Innovation
- More plugs!!
- Don't need to duplicate all tech support, but need good support at the branch.
- Bring the computer lab downstairs.
- Hopefully state of the art.
- Continue having access to Adobe Cloud and possibly expanding our current subscription to more computers.
- Offer all kinds of hardware and software. Not just windows and MS office spread throughout the library to cater to all kinds of people. Quite vs. loud.
- At best as much as current library.
- Mobil hot spots.
- Shared iCreate between departments.
- Charging stations for phones / devices.
- Integrated thru-out all departments.
- Broadband.
- Internet computers out in a central area.

Sustainability
- New age furnace and/or air conditioning.
- Library is an opportunity for the City to show support for Sustainable concepts.
- No battery operated bathrooms please!
- Powered by renewable energy.
- Solar panels.
- Wind turbine?
- At best LEED Silver.
- Electric car chargers that work.
- Sustainable construction
- Furniture made from recycled materials.
- Room for expansion.

Miscellaneous
- Better equipment: copiers, fax machines, printers.
- Space for a sorting place for Friends and office and public used book sale space.
- Friends sorting place could be a “bookstore/coffee shop”. Money to go to Library.
- Build book donation sorting room into branch.
- More comfortable furniture or enclosed spaces.
- Movie Theater.
- Bus or train to/from new branch to underserved areas.
- Easy access to public transportation.
- Integrate used book sales with library space.
- Quite room – for moms / nursing. Maybe in the children’s area.
- Library needs large meeting room only for City events.
- Support economically challenged population.
- Auditorium
- Safe, lighted parking for staff.
- One level – not two stories.
- Book store set-up w/ coffee shops.
- Large auditorium for programs / community events.
- To help spread out the volume of FLC processing with another branch.
- Flexible (moveable) furnishings.
- Offer books for sale year-round (new & used).
- Phone for public use. Payphone? – do hey still exist?
  Are there private businesses or other entities that we could partner with?

Quadrant One – Pros
- Already has large population using the library. Will alleviate pressure off main library.
- New Ponderosa, Erwin, Classical, Loveland High schools.
- Lots of houses
- Could new HS include public services within the school library?
- This area has lots of people to use a branch
- Future High School? Would be good if teens could walk there.
- Lots of new population growth
- Might shift some load from Main
- Synergy w/ rec center proposed location.
- It’s on the west side where the population is densest.
- Proximity to multiple elementary, middle & High Schools

Quadrant One – Cons
- Front range library at shields and Harmony
- Do we want another library w/ rec center?
- Close to Harmony branch
- Doesn’t draw people from Windsor / Johnstown
- Close to Harmony Branch.
- Will eventually bump up against fort Collins and open space, limiting growth

Quadrant Two – Pros
- Lots of suburbs being built at the same time.
- It’s the west side where the population is densest.
- West end along 34 would serve 1 & 2.
- Adjacent to golf course.
- Underserved population.

Quadrant Two – Cons
- Wouldn’t take load from Main library
Quadrant Three - Pros:
- No comments

Quadrant Three - Cons:
- The main library is already there.

Quadrant Four – Pros:
- Possible land donation
- Chance to partner w/ UC Health or McWhinney
- Future Growth (two comments)
- Possible storefront location near shopping
- Although not a lot of homes yet lots of people go there. High traffic
- No current library close by
- Multi-family demographic (two comments)
- Bike/hike access
- Huge growth in this area – new move ins
- Lots of space were lots of options
- Closer to larger business
- Housing growth, e.g. Boyd Lake
- Proximity to Windsor & Johnstown
- Close to I-25
- Lots of growth potential

Quadrant Four – Cons:
- Do people use Windsor or Johnstown already for their library? Heavy traffic already out E. of I-25 – people may avoid it.
- Too much traffic
- Council Tree Library too close
- Bad traffic on 34 – needs to be widened
- Already enough new stuff out here
- Population is not dense enough

Attendees of the Information Gathering Meetings were asked to mark on a map their recommended location for the new branch library. The map of Loveland was divided into four zones. The zones encompassed the approximate City limits of Loveland.
The following participated in the January 29th Information Gathering Meeting:

Ellen Shepherd – Friends of the Library, Board Member
Harry Love – Friends of the Library, Board Member
Susan Kadlec – Library Board Member
Cyndi Gueswel – Library Board Member
Jesse Lopez – Loveland Public Library Staff
Jack Dorr - Loveland Public Library Staff
Cindi Pfeiffer - Loveland Public Library Staff
Kathleen Dowd - Loveland Public Library Staff
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The second information gathering session was held at the Loveland Public Library in the Scott Room for the Library Staff during the Library Staff Meeting.

The format for the second information gathering session was the same as the first. Following the project introduction, the participants provided feedback on the following topics: Role of the Library, Purpose of the New Branch, Adult Services, Teen Services, Children’s Services, Public Spaces, Staff / Back of House, Outdoor Space, Sustainability, Technology and Innovation, Miscellaneous, and Site Quadrant pros and cons.

The following comments were provided on the requested subjects:

Role of the Library
- Special Needs: Seniors, Homeless – extra attention
- One of our roles is to lead self-creativity, critical thinking and self-empowerment
- Don’t neglect the books
- Support, Encourage
- Be a connection for the community
- Tech access
- Easy access – part of people’s everyday life.
- Branch – focus on family engagement particularly for Latino families

Purpose of the New Branch Library
- Provide services for citizens in the north west of the City (two comments)
- Much larger “production” space: video, music, photo, podcasting, etc. (two comments)
- Maker space and content creation. Laser cutter, studio and recording tools for check out
- Provide opportunities for area to connect with culture, educational services
- “Third Space”: meeting rooms, entertainment, connectivity
- Completely Accessible. Wide spaces – wide isles, low desks, outside accessible area
- Safe space
- Purpose can change in 1, 5, 10 years. Be flexible.
- Be a reliable resource for the community
- Community engagement combined with bringing access to tech and knowledge to those it may not otherwise reach

Adult Services
- To give information for next step. Manned kiosk’s around us one desk
- Flexibility in all “fixtures” – desks, shelves, displays, patron seating, etc.
- Mobile space that can be opened up
- Collection centered on popular works
- Dog reading time like waggin’ tales! (two similar comments)
- Quiet room just for reading, etc.
- Lending library for interview attire (two comments)
- Combined desk w/ customer service
- Adjustable space for programs (two comments)
- Intentional technology programming to increase skills – all skill levels

Children’s Services
- More interactive space / opportunities (iMake and passive)
- Interactive spaces
- Larger auditorium / meeting space
- Moveable walls for multi-purpose uses
- Vancouver Community Library – children’s education “rivers”
- Open story time space – Koelbel Library in Centennial, CO
- Increased space for early literacy programming. Room for community tutors & family support services
- Theater / stage. Puppet shows! Productions
- Comfy reading areas
- Separated enough to be noisy; have “stroller” zone; do not have to push strollers & take kids thru rest of library
- Computers for adults / caregivers
- Easy to navigate, organization of materials
- Programing
- Not only inspire reading but STEM

Teen Services
- Outdoor area / skylight
- Easy outdoor access
- Moveable wall – 3 – 6 pm for teens – then regular use other times.
- Meeting room / smart board
- Quite area for studying
- Sink area
- Separate “away” enough from children’s area so feel grown up. Away from adults to – unique space
- Tech – social users – shared space
- Maker Area
- Kitchen for Kids Café
- Lockers / storage
- Volunteer area

Staff / Back of House
- Daily courier runs between main & branch library (in house driver)
- Social worker on staff
- Centrally located staff area with all department staff
- Staff parking (Two comments)
- Parking garage
- More storage for children’s programming
- Tech services fully functional at both sites
- Downstairs hangout area! Upstairs I am alooone! Ok
- Security & secure access
- Good line of sight
- Response time / Proximity to Loveland P.D.
- Collection on one level (no elevators for NH’s to wrestle with)
- More counter space
- Computers for all desks please
- How would Tech Services work? One location or two?
- Storage (me too) (Two comments)
- Arranged so cleaning staff can clean it regularly
- Larger meeting space. Staff lounge area
- Transit Access
- Need workspace (teens, adult currently have none.)
- Staff/public phone booth
- A couple of desks/computers (at least) for material handler. A desk and computer (not shared) for all aides, 1’s, 2’s, 3’s; everybody needs a home!!
- One office per workspace with walls and door to provide private consultation space
- Tech services delivery area
- Windows all around
- Love the idea of room for friends sorting place
- Centralized Hub – put main staff area in an area all staff are going to be.
- One “backroom” staff space not separate for different depts. and admin. We need to have the opportunity to be united not as separated as current bldg.

Public Spaces
- Indoor book return
- More space to meet. Full service meeting spaces like Douglas County.
- Create “intimate” spaces that are still open to sight lines for security purposes.
- Large Auditorium
- Large Auditorium / Family programming
- Large enough for disabled
- Large performance room & meeting rooms
- Could have large meeting room with security gate, able to book/use after hours or off days through City (Louisville PL)
- Meeting space
- More & Larger meeting rooms for community
- Lawrence KS Public Library offers a coffee/snack bar in a foyer away from main collection that is also a gift shop. It’s drawing patrons for meetings, coffee clubs of seniors. Perhaps we could try that.
- Café area. Casual meeting space.
- Café space with FOL books to sell like Koelbel Library – Centennial CO
- FOL book sale…..?
- An entire wall of study rooms with flexible but well insulated (for sound) flexible walls between.
- Build stages to bring community through performances: music, theater, etc.
- Nice performance area
- Library control, not City control of larger meeting rooms(s)!! (As contrasted with current system)
- If we build a branch closer to I-25, lots and lots more meeting rooms would make LPL a valuable business/conference etc. space. Asset to the big community.
- Areas for meetings
• Outdoor access – solarium, skylights, cozy seats.
• Designated rooms for only the library to use for our programs
• Window seats
• Unified desks for service
• Make sure to preserve quite spaces away from noisy zones

Outdoor Space
• Outdoor design might factor / integrate visual beauty of area: lakes, hills, etc.
• Garden for programs and quiet space
• Beautiful open spaces against the foothills – partnership opportunities
• Outdoor work spaces for staff
• Access to outdoors from different door/patio
• Amphitheater
• Amphitheater for outdoor programs/story-time
• Outdoor venue for performances. If it’s out towards the foothills awesome views
• Outdoor kids space near child’s dept. – so people aren’t leaving for the park
• Space for outdoor programming (two comments)
• Safe area for families to sit/read outside
• Partner with park areas to have one-stop area – kids can be playing, do library indoors, sports in one place

Technology and Innovation
• RFID all the things! Headphones, ipads, mic/sound system
• Mobile computer lab and maker space
• Lots of outlets
• Little wheeled book carts (for kids, disabled people, etc. to get books to car)
• Separate, multi-purpose makerspace room with no carpet, doors in case gets loud
• Charging area for patrons
• Dedicated maker space. Sewing – welding – crafts
• Big maker space
• More open computer space. Locking charging lockers
• Children’s computer activities
• Lots of learning

Sustainability
• Power “saving” charging stations
• 0 Carbon footprint goal
• LEED certified is a positive move
• Solar Panel Roof. Rainwater collection for toilets (three comments)
• Solar panels/visible battery bank with self-guided tour to inform/engage about alternative energy!
• Passive energy. Sustainable / recycled materials
• Public EV stations
• Recycle for community
• Opportunity to use newer technologies & techniques to create a very “green” library
- Skylighting, LED lighting
- Natural lighting
- “Green” carpeting
- Garden Area (two comments)
- Atrium or meditation space

Miscellaneous
- Specific area with light music playing. Listening stations
- Need public transportation
- FOL space
- Brand new vehicle that is more visible and fun!
- What a cool idea – two small branches – each could expand thru the years
- A building design with excellent lines of sight. A design that doesn’t “silo” the different departments
- Con – How does City plan to upgrade efficiency, addressability of public transportation for new recreation, library branch etc. This is a critical factor that City has not addressed in effective manner.
- Community referral info (311) (411)
- Center for Emergency – Safe Place or communication center

Site / Location
- Zone 4: Con – No residential, all business – no one will want to cross the highway – only a few ways to get there, very congested.
- I’d love to see 1st branch in zone one – (concentration of cardholders) with simultaneous plans for one in zone four to anticipate growth and get more people who aren’t yet card holders!!
- Go West!! No branches of any PL in zones 1 or 2 of map.
- Pro – place new facility at boundary of zones 1 & 3 to service east & west communities. If not these particular zones the concept is the same.
- Keep traffic patterns in mind
- Build close to a middle or high school. Teens is bursting
- Zone 1: Hotspot for card holders, plus farthest from other regional libraries
- FYI/Thought – Council Tree in Fort Collins had a good idea by being in a busy shopping area, but have found themselves land-locked a bit. Too/very expensive to expand, but very busy, so have become over-used quickly.
- Zone 4: Reaching new users
- Zone 4: Tech Library
- Proximity to public transportation
- FYI / Thought: Windsor – Severance is/was making an effort to move east towards Severance to be more central in their district. Not sure if have changed plans
- Zone 3: Central location is valuable to get whatever you need w/o bounding across town (The Foundry)
- Zone 1: Specialize: Children’s library
The third information gathering session was held at Centennial Elementary School in Loveland. The meeting was held in the evening and the public was invited. Few members of the public attended but the feedback received was informative.

The format for the third information gathering session was the same as the first. Following the project introduction, the participants provided feedback on the following topics: Role of the Library, Purpose of the New Branch, Adult Services, Teen Services, Children’s Services, Public Spaces, Staff / Back of House, Outdoor Space, Sustainability, Technology and Innovation, Miscellaneous, and Site Quadrant pros and cons.

The following comments were provided on the requested subjects:

Role of the Library

- To bring the community together through books, classes and activities. We would love culture passes similar to Denver Public Library.
- Bring into my home resources I can’t find elsewhere or don’t want to buy. Helps me grow.
- Further the education of seniors in the area of modern communication technologies.
Purpose of the new Branch Library
- To reach and serve people in communities/neighborhoods not readily served by main location
- Another pick-up/drop-off location. Please consider remote drop-off/pick-up boxes/lockers.
- To make the library more accessible to the patrons. Closer to home.
- Other than the obvious, a branch improves a neighborhood. Better homes are built, a better sense of community develops and people are proud to say they live there.
- To provide additional space in which to learn and gather. To offer more storytimes at a location more convenient for some. To serve the growing population.

Adult Services
- Classes on building relationships with different age groups, esp, their grandkids.
- Coffee shop would be awesome.
- Programs to engage diverse population groups and to build community – cross-age; cross-ethnicity & genders.
- Assist seniors in the use of IPads, laptop, etc. and other new & innovative communication devices.
- Flexible room space for clubs, interest groups, learning programs, discussions.

Children’s Services
- One of the most important parts of the library continue to develop and encourage future learners and informed citizens. Encourage curiosity.
- Perhaps have a new branch focus on children’s resources to alleviate terrible parking situation at current branch (exp. During story times, etc.)

Teen Services
- No comments at this meeting

Public Spaces
- I would love a great space in which I could host a parent / child book club.
- Build close to PD branches when we need them. Ditto w/ fire stations – young kids might be inspired to make public safety their career.
- Since the homeless congregate in the library often so they can fall asleep, provide them with a room with comfortable chairs. This allows the staff a better way to deal with those who sleep in the main part of the library.
- Flexibility but fully outfitted with sinks, refrigerators, all electric ________, computer wiring, wifi, whatever in the future.
- Warm, welcoming inviting. Colorful small seating area throughout the library.

Outdoor Space
- Collaboration / integration with other community & non-profit groups.
- Community garden
- Garden with native plants – labeled accessible parking.
- Building a branch at Mehaffy Park. A great addition to the City which would attract even more kids & adults.
Technological and Innovation
- Center for Sr. Citizen computer, smart phone and other devise to learn the basics. This would be how to use them.
- Would be nice to have more checkouts available on hoopla, and not have to borrow at 6 am (!) before branch limit is reached (pm).
- I would love the opportunity to return books to alternate locations. Like the boxes that are at King Soopers in Fort Collins.

Sustainability
- Energy conservation / solar power, etc. Reuse/Recycle – educate on this.
- Continue to encourage recycling etc. solar if practical.

Miscellaneous
- Indoor book return!!
- Help desk more visible
- Better (more) parking!
- Check out & help desk more visible
- Inviting, welcoming entrance.
- Incorporate it into the new high school when built. This would bring youth and adults together, classes might include them both.
- Currently the homeless are an issue at the main library – this issue truly needs to be addressed.
- Could functions be limited with limited staff numbers to allow two fully sized branches to be built?
- Book return at King Soopers.

Site / Location
- Zone 4: Con – No residential, all business – no one will want to cross the highway – only a few ways to get there, very congested.
Between the second and third information gathering meeting and fifth zone was added to the recommended location map and the boundaries were enlarged to encompass the Loveland Growth Management Area).

1.4 INFORMATION GATHERING SESSION FOUR – MARCH 24TH, 2018

The fourth information gathering session was held at the community room at the Outlets at Loveland in Loveland. The meeting was held in the mid-day and the public was invited. Few members of the public attended. This location was selected to provide an opportunity for citizens living in Zone 4 to provide input on the new branch library and its location.

No comments were provided on the individual topics as at previous gathering sessions but there was feedback provided on the location recommendations and a plan for the new library was drawn up by a 5-year-old patron.
Recommended floor plan for the new branch library provided by a 5-year-old patron with help from the Wember staff.
1.5 INFORMATION GATHERING SESSION FIVE – APRIL 2ND, 2018

The fifth information gathering session was held at the Loveland Public Library in the Scott Room and was open to the public.

The format for the second information gathering session was the same as the first. Following the project introduction, the participants provided feedback on the following topics: Role of the Library, Purpose of the New Branch, Adult Services, Teen Services, Children’s Services, Public Spaces, Staff / Back of House, Outdoor Space, Sustainability, Technology and Innovation, Miscellaneous, and Site Quadrant pros and cons.

The following comments were provided on the requested subjects:

Role of the Library
- Provide access to print and electronic sources for inquiry, entertainment, information
- Space to gather for small and large groups
- Provide borrowing opportunities to various areas
- Virtual work resources
- Pods to make and take phone calls while online
- Computers with GoTo Meeting
- Help people locate quality information online on in print
- Safe Place – I am disturbed by people who won’t come to downtown library because they feel unsafe; space for homeless, too
- Flat screen video monitors on lobby streaming videos and art; fast historical facts/trivia
- Events that bring generations together via cultural literacy (Motown night, JK Rowling night, 1980s TV and films)
- Lots of possibilities for programs

Purpose of the New Branch Library:
- Children’s programs
- Provide same services as the main library, but on a slightly smaller scale
- Consider multi-use – senior center, rec center, outdoor rec area, library – all in one
- Provide community-wide variety of study, meetings areas both quiet and noise-tolerant, to facilitate community integration
- Much more than books
- Meeting spaces
- Digital resources – don’t necessarily need a building
- Our small business section is amazing – keep supporting Loveland innovation
- Provide access to people who can’t get to the downtown branch
- Are we building a branch with limited services, or a full service library?

Public Spaces at the New Branch Library:
- Rooms or areas for tutoring
- Small areas for tutoring
- Areas for presentations
- Coffee shop
- Meeting/conference rooms of varying sizes are popular
- Outdoor spaces – GREAT!
- Outdoor areas for meeting and learning (hands-on) experiences
- Indoor and outdoor
- Multi-use
- Where can the Friends of the Library locate, warehouse and use?
- Small group rooms (3-5 people)
- Medium group rooms (3-8 people)
- Study “carrels” in both quiet and low-talking areas

Outdoor Spaces at the New Branch Library:

- Outdoor classrooms
- Summer programs
- Physical activity course with monitoring and WiFi reporting
- Open space to gather
- Outdoor learning activities
- Summer activities
- Outdoor concert space
- Would be of benefit, but secondary to services inside building
- Space for “the arts” – music, art, and drama/poetry
- Open space adjacent to library so we can read outdoors in summer

Adult Services at the New Branch Library:

- Help adults who are not comfortable using computers
- Tech support areas
- Relaxation areas and gathering places – ex: fireplaces and comfy chairs
- Charging stations
- Small group meeting rooms
- Larger presentation rooms
- AV and PC-rich
- Ideally, our new branch will be close to the ice and senior center, otherwise, senior-oriented programming is something to consider
- Seniors tend to not want to drive at night – perhaps more classes and lectures during the day, possibly repeated at night

Teen Services at the New Branch Library:

- Food service – sink, refrigerator, microwave
- WiFi and plenty of PCs
- Reconfigurable workgroup tables
- Its building clients here – maybe have just one library meeting their needs – they like to be together
- Programs/collections that help teens transition into other library services once they are no longer teens
- Teen study rooms and partnering w/ high schools – providing safe spaces for teens to gather at night

Children’s Services at the New Branch Library:

- Things that we presently have:
  - Separate room for storytime
  - Maker space in separate room so noise doesn’t disrupt others
  - Computers geared to small ones
- Lots of space for displaying books
- Play areas indoors and outside
- Quiet areas for parent/kid reading
- Early literacy for children and caregivers
- Toddler programs @ LPL are OUTSTANDING! And overcrowded, so additional programs will also be full
- The toddler “maker space” is great – room with closed doors so they can make noise

Technology & Innovation at the New Branch Library:

- Community tech classes and support for all ages
- Innovative tech opportunities – programming and creating
- Wireless connectivity
- Computer access, MAC and PC
- Maker Space
- More reference assistance and classes for internet searching
- Places for people to make sensitive phone calls while using a computer

Sustainability at the New Branch Library:

- LEED certification?
- As sustainable as possible – LEED? YES!
- LEED Gold, again
  - Solar panels
  - Water conservation
- Solar Panels
- Rain conservation
- Xeriscaping

Miscellaneous Ideas for the New Branch Library:

- Involve volunteers in regular library life!
- Insuring the library is truly “user-friendly” for patrons with a variety of different abilities (above and beyond code)
- Provide on-going staff training on working with/assisting patrons with different abilities and of different ages

Location Comments:

- Mehaffey Park area with a second rec center would be beneficial in lots of ways
- Near new Chilson branch and established outdoor rec area like Mehaffey Park
- Mehaffey Park – so much space and destinations spot already, for kids of all ages
We live in NW Loveland. The Harmony Library in Fort Collins is close and easier to get to than the present library.

In order:
- NW (zone 1) still growing strongly
- NE (zone 4) commercial area; combine trips/purposes
- SW (zone 2) lots of growth, schools, feeds to Berthod

The correct site is centrally located, based on addresses of cardholders. I see no reason to relocate library services; expand current library.

Any place that makes a campus possible: library, rec center, senior center; people come all three, each enhances the other

Zone 1 is my first choice and serves the current growth in Zone 4

Shared campus, if not building

Community center like Estes Park, in Mehaffey Park

Combine location with facility for recreation and/or senior services

Probably northwest versus east (good libraries there)

Outside near park or rec center

A branch needs to serve those who most use it — in the NW part of Loveland

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FIGURE 278 – RECOMMENDED LOCATION MAP FROM APRIL 2, 2018 INFORMATION GATHERING SESSION
1.6 INFORMAL INFORMATION GATHERING SESSIONS – MARCH 13\textsuperscript{TH}, 26\textsuperscript{TH}, & 29\textsuperscript{TH}, 2018

In addition to the five formal information gathering sessions, Wember conducted informal information gathering sessions at the Loveland Public Library in the entrance lobby.

Patrons were asked to share their thoughts and opinions on the new branch library and on where they would like to see it located.

The following comments were provided by the Library patrons in response to the questions “My dream library will be?”

- Nice views, good coffee
- New Books, great hang-out spot
- Close to a Fire Station!
- User friendly / offer classes
- Located in anticipation of area growth – future orientation to serve outlying neighborhoods.
- Offer life skill and emotional intelligence classes.

Other comments from the community:

- Library = Sanctuary; not just a place for books. How do we expand on that?
- More reserved materials
- Zoom text for sight impairments
- Baby story time is great!
- We love the kid chess club!
- Increase internet bandwidth cap from 120 k to 256 k
- Day lighting is enough
- Higher limits for online material checkout (Libby, Hoopla, etc.)
- Afternoon story time, esp. 3-5 yrs.
- Connect teen & kid areas so families can access both without toting small kids.
- Teen space, baby story time.
1.7 ONLINE SURVEY – APRIL 10TH TO 30TH, 2018

In addition to the information gathering session, Wember, working with the Loveland Library information and technology staff conducted an on-line survey. The survey received 407 responses. Following are the questions asked in the online survey and the responses received (Note, percentages listed total 300% because respondents were asked to select three options in each question.)

Thinking about the programs and services that could be offered in a second library location, please select your top three choices:

- Life skill programs to empower individuals to meet their life goals - 128 (31.4%)
- Technology access and training to help people connect to the digital world – 192 (47.2%)
- Children’s programs to foster a life-long love of learning – 320 (78.6%)
- Programs for Teens to support educational goals and inspire their future – 258 (63.4%)
- Business resources to support entrepreneurs and small businesses – 68 (16.7%)
- Robust collections to inspire and delight customers on a wide-range of subjects – 255 (62.7%)

Comments:
- More technology offerings
• Technology is important for the future. Business skills are needed.
• I want to lump children’s and teen's programs together for this question.
• New libraries should take in to account the new demographics of the area.
• Why do we need a 2nd location? Keep kids and teens in a separate location. The kids are noisy, making the library not really quiet anymore.
• My 3 choices are related to my first. I chose a heavy residential area and feel the three actives I selected for this branch will better suit them.
• I would also like to see a sensory learning environment for children with developmental disabilities.
• We need a better Children’s section.
• I urge focusing on providing digital materials instead of a branch building.
• More 3D Printers please!
• JOB TRAINING! Work Skills.
• I would envision a library branch as a stepping off point to learn and grow.
• Need lots of different types of media and technology available at a new library.
• Teen programs for sure.
• It is important to foster interest in a wide range of subjects. A well supplied library would be able to assist our overburdened and underfunded schools.
• It's all about young people and encouraging them to read and learn.
• Teaching life skills to teens (and lower income adults as well) is sorely needs. Life skills is not being taught in the schools anymore.
• SO many kids in this area have no access to what they need, and the library is SO far for them so they can't walk. Their parents have no way to get them to the library. As this is a dire need for our youth, it makes the most sense.
• Book talk groups, too
• Access to computers is nice.
• Child and young adult programs already established in current library.
• My top 3. Several of the others are very important too.
• It seems like there's so much focus on children's and senior's activities at the downtown library, which is great, but an opportunity to engage the rest of the adults would be greatly appreciated.
• We already have this in our library.
• I would like to check all of the above.
• Had to pick 3 but really think something for kids.
• A library has to have both technology as well as a good collection of books that can be checked out and held. Programs for all patrons, but especially the youth, are important at a second branch.
• This can all be done in our beautiful Library!
• Need to carefully consider where the needs are in the community and ensure this building would meet those needs. This is expensive, building another building that has to be maintained and staffed.
• The choices are to assist the upcoming generation choose to think.
• Holds could be delivered and the browsing collection could stay at the current library. I’d like to see more meeting space, classes, tech at a new location.
• Technology, life skills & business resources need another source.
• Life skills for all ages.
• Combine the life skill programs with teen programs.
• Love the idea the library is more than just books and a computer to borrow.
• After school events.
• Tech training is most needed by older folks, so makes more sense to have that at the branch near Senior services downtown.
• I think that the current library does a good job on the teen and child area so the second location should add something new.
• We love the kids programs but it’s far for us and packed a lot of the time.
• Programs for homeschoolers.
• The new branch could provide an after school area to children, encouraging them to learn and grow in their own time and ways.
• #1 choice is: Robust collections to inspire...
• I wish my teens/tweens had encouragement to read at the library. They are more encouraged to play video games online and on screens. Reading is becoming a lost thing because of technology.

Thinking about the type of spaces that could support library programs and services, please select your top three choices:

- Areas dedicated to books and other materials – 216 (53.1%)
- Large group / meeting room(s) – 64 (15.7%)
- Individual / small group study room(s) – 81 (19.9%)
- Computer lab / computer classroom – 127 (31.2%)
- High Tech / Digital makerspace – 63 (15.5%)
- Audio visual / music lab – 19 (4.7%)
- Reading / quiet room(s) – 53 (13%)
- Outdoor reading garden – 93 (22.9%)
- Art / craft maker space – 71 (17.4%)
- Children’s programing and play space - 178 (43.7%)
- Teen Area including technology / gaming space - 81 (19.9%)
- Coffee Shop/café/retail space - 125 (30.7%)
- Art Gallery – 12 (2.9%)
- Auditorium/Performance space – 38 (9.3%)

Comments:
- The library doesn’t have anything like this right now. (This respondent selected High Tech /Digital makerspace, Outdoor reading garden, Auditorium/Performance space)
- An outdoor reading garden filled with plants native to Colorado that have signs indicating this would be lovely.
- It seems unfair to limit this to three choices.
I have never seen a library with a coffee shop or auditorium. That would be something new and exciting.
I use the small meeting rooms a lot and am grateful for the opportunity to use them.
We love the play space at the library!!
Again my answers are considering that area #1 is chosen. This area is in a high residential area and close to open spaces. I particularly feel an outdoor reading area with a garden would be well suited.
No branch, please. That will divide the collection and use funds to duplicate other materials.
Should be a cultural venue. (This respondent selected Coffee Shop/Café/Retail Space, Art Gallery, Auditorium/Performance space)
Teen area - TRAINING not GAMING
Children’s Theatre, music events, book readings.
It was difficult to only choose 3!
I like all of these types of spaces. Hard to select only three. Please include more than 3!
It looks like my answer has disappeared! The areas needed in this branch would depend a lot on what changes will be made to the main Library. If it becomes a noisier place then this branch needs quiet areas. These were very difficult to choose between. Each branch could have its own specialties. (Note the respondent’s answers were recorded).
I also like the idea of reading/quiet rooms for college & HS students & a performance venue similar to what is by the downtown Loveland library now.
Would be nice to have a safe place for teens to gather.
Tough choice. These are all good.
Would like to see Art and other things of interest displayed.
Music & video can be accessed on line. Community needs community/larger meeting rooms & robust computer and digital classes and access. Including classes for older adults.
This makes the most sense because of my previous comment about the needs of our youth in this community. (Respondent selected Computer Lab/Computer Classroom, High Tech / Digital makerspace, Teen Area including technology / gaming space).
The above meet a variety of needs.
Art should be in the public!!!! With increasing budget cuts - perhaps a place for local middle & high school art?
We are not over capacity in our current library and it is a small town.
Many more of the above important.
Needs more than 3 of these options.
No more meeting space is needed. Between hotels, Chilson, Library, the Ranch and companies, as someone who works in hotels, there is no longer money in it. Too much supply.
In a second branch, a library is still needed (space for books and meetings), but with a technology bent since so many people want that these days. It would be great to have a multi-use space that could convert from a maker space to a performance or gallery space, and where people could use a computer or learn in a classroom.
• All of these great programs are available at our existing library. (Respondents additional comment – We do not need another library. The great facility we have is sufficient for our City).
• Needs to have the ability to generate income.
• Picking only 3 is tough. My 4th choice would have been the computer lab.
• An outdoor area would be great, but I can’t call it a priority.
• Our schools are so poorly funded in this town. Please dedicate the space to children and teens, with inspiring books, learning materials.
• To help everyone to read & enjoy.
• There are several others I would choose.
• Provide a transition to the future of Loveland.
• Books for me and the kids!
• Instead of “too many local authors” being a problem, library should capitalize on this with programs and opportunities for professional development as well as promotion of local authors.
• So many of these could be combined with wise use of space.
• I have two teenage daughters, one preteen, and one elementary-age. They love the Loveland library!
• Love being able to save for the books I want to own and sample other authors.
• I would prefer more areas with nooks and crannies where people can sit and read and feel more isolated.
• It’s hard to just pick 3 so many of them would make it great.
• We need progressive thinking about libraries. If one wants a “traditional” library they can go downtown.
• Outdoor reading garden would be amazing too! (Respondent selected Children’s programing and play space, Coffee Shop/Café/Retail space, Auditorium/Performance space).
• Hard to pick only 3... I selected the outdoor reading garden as I have never seen that before and it sounds great. I don’t know what the high tech/digital makerspace is.
• I choose what would be important to me, but I think others would also like/need study rooms and computer/technology space.
• Growing community.
• Can we just say all of them?

What building and site features are most important to you? (Please select up to five)
☐ Accessibility to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds – 244 (60%)
☐ Quiet spaces for reading and reflection – 206 (50.6%)
☐ Shelving and displays for library books and other materials – 229 (56.3%)
☐ Public gathering spaces – 121 (29.7%)
☐ Proximity to public transportation – 64 (15.7%)
☐ Convenient and plentiful parking – 227 (55.8%)
☐ Energy efficiency and sustainable building practices - 138 (33.9%)
☐ Art gallery / display spaces – 53 (13%)
Proximity to recreation center – 19 (4.7%)
Proximity to parks and walking trails – 88 (21.6%)
Proximity to public schools – 60 (14.7%)
Proximity to residential areas – 177 (43.5%)
Proximity to commercial areas – 11 (2.7%)

Comments:

- The library shouldn't be near retail spaces because it will compete for resources and parking.
- I think having a library near businesses would increase traffic.
- One library. Loveland is not that large that a branch is justified.
- Being able to bike/walk to the location would be fantastic, as well as being a destination for more than just the library.
- Would love to live near the library and not have to take my car.
- I think being close to public transportation is also important.
- Easier drive and abundant parking and near where people live will ensure that the facility is used.
- At least build remote areas for book returns.
- We don't need a new library, we just finished redoing our library.
- I do believe we could support a branch library and maybe a building that is in Loveland could be converted with a more limited investment in the building and more money for services. We have a great library that offers many wonderful services and I would love to see a branch continue to expand the vision.
- The library is a resource for our citizens so it needs to be close to where they live or where they can reach it easily (including alternative transportation). It needs to have space for books, as well as space for groups of people to get together to share ideas. It would be great if it had an environmentally sound design and construction, too.
- Yes, our library has all these features, and is good for Loveland. – (Additional comment from this respondent - We do not need another library. The great facility we have is sufficient for our City.)
- The lakes at Centerra Perfect!
- Schools are generally close to residential areas.
- Near Meafee Park off the bike trail would be a great location.
- Access -- vehicle, bike, transit.
- Actually, I'm snobby. I want people to be clean and quiet in the library.
- I prefer public libraries overlooking scenic areas where people can reflect, read, or study.
- My family really enjoys the library and everything they currently offer. A second location would be a wonderful addition to our community.
- Thank you for expanding!
- Accessibility and public transportation would also be important.
- NW Loveland needs more services to support all the new neighborhoods.
What section do you think the new branch should be located in? (See the map below)

Site selection results:

- Section #1 - Lots of people live around here.
- Section #1 - Seems like the most logical due to density.
- Section #1 - Close to my home
- Section #1 - I live there
• Section #1 - Considering the locations of the Poudre River Library District and the Loveland library, it’s seems a lot of people would benefit from a library on the West side of town.
• Section #2 - It’s where I live.
• Section #1 - On West side of town.
• Section #1 - actually, i just chekced the first radio dial. arbitrarily. i want to argue that we SHOULD NOT open another branch. that we should put ALL our energy into the existing main library. why? cities and towns all over usa are BOARDING UP their public libraries. we have ONE fantastic library that seems to be FLOURISHING. DON”TM FIX WHAT IS NOT BROKEN. for **** sakes. you pencil pushers ALWAYS have to spend money and make projects. STOP.
• Section #1 - Existing population and projected growth.
• Section #4 - You made me pick one
• Section #1 - Nothing City related is out there.
• Section #2 - Its in the opposite direction of Centerra. Families and students on the west side of town would appreciate a branch. Closer in to most/many of the schools.
• Section #1 - Perceived population growth pattern.
• Section #1 - more open space and less traffic.
• Section #1 - Space; not in flood plain; close to schools.
• Section#1 - Growing population and number of schools to help serve.
• Section #1 - It will be the perfect location for a north Loveland branch.
• Section #1 - There are a lot of elderly people there who do not have access to downtown.
• Section #2 - Less congested streets on which to access branch library.
• Section #5 - Johnstown is growing, their city is further away from the areas they are developing in, many Johnstown residents use LPL, the SE part of Loveland is also developing with many new residential areas being built.
• Section #1 - Growing residential area.
• Section #4 - A branch should be in the north part of town.
• Section #1 - It’s a great location for the north side of Loveland. Lots of growth is going on.
• Section #1 - There is a lot of young-family growth in this area.
• Section #4 - There is a lot of empty space out near Centerra.
• Section #4 - Lots of new building, housing; easy for people east of I25 to get to.
• Section #1 - I live in section 1.
• Section #1 - Most convenient for me to get to.
• Section #1 - Easier to get to, less traffic than out by 25.
• Section #1 - Closer to my location.
• Section #5 - I live in this area and I think it’ll grow a lot!
• Section #4 - I live in that area.
• Section #1 - I live there.
• Section #4 - Greatest growth.
- Section #1 - The green area appears to be more populated and located to a major roadway between Loveland and Fort Collins. I feel it would be more accessible to the people of Loveland.
- Section #1 - Growing population, parks close by.
- Section #1 - By looking at where the most need would be for people who did not have access to their own computers/the main library. I feel that in the other regions there is higher income attainment or the other library is in the vicinity already.
- Section #2 - Has the most schools.
- Section #1 - growing population
- Section #3 - It is nearest to where I live, I also think 1 and 4 would make sense.
- Section #3 - I don't think there should be a new branch. We are in a digital age where library buildings are less important.
- Section #1 - Covers different area of Loveland than existing branch.
- Section #1 - Cause I live there.
- Section #1 - It is the opposite side from the existing library and is seeing large growth.
- Section #1 - It's closer to my house and there is already one in section 3. I also feel like there is a lot of building and houses in section 1 and 2.
- Section #1 - Farthest from existing library location.
- Section #1 - I feel like this is the the longest drive through town to get to the old library. Plus there's a lot of new growth on this part of town.
- Section #2 - There’s a lot of growth in Berthoud near there.
- Section #1 - Closer to where I live.
- Section #4 - Centerra is a growing area and a library there would get a lot of traffic.
- Section #4 - because the City is growing to the east.
- Section #1 - SE vs NW seems logical.
- Section #3 - New 55 plus apartments up there with no City amenities and no public transportation to access downtown.
- Section #2 - Closer to where I live
- Section #4 - Population, and ease (difficulty) of access to downtown.
- Section #5 - By population size.
- Section #4 - I was torn between 1 and 4 as these areas have newer housing and I know people with kids who live there and complain about negotiating downtown for the current library.
- Section #4 - Most activity/growth and not near current.
- Section #1 - Dense population and mixed housing.
- Section #2 - We live here this side of town could use the community involvement.
- Section #1 - Growing population.
- Section #4 - That area of the City is growing and needs services like a library branch.
- Section #4 - Because that’s where my house is!
- Section #1 - Proximity to home and multiple schools.
- Section #4 - Downtown is easier to get to from the other sections, and out east is growing in leaps and bounds.
- Section #2 - Closer to where I live.
- Section #2 - Closer to where I live.
- Section #1 - It’s highly populated and still growing.
- Section #2 - Closer to where I live.
- Section #1 - I was just thinking north of Hwy 34 would be a good location for new library since traffic is a nightmare all over town now. May be easier to get to?
- Section #1 - It is a distance away from the main library.
- Section #1 - More room for population growth.
- Section #2 - Because that’s where we live and the community is growing rapidly.
- Section #1 - I live on the outer edge of that division on the NW side and it takes me 25-30 minutes to get to the library on a good day. It’s almost the same distance/amount of time to get to a FC library.
- Section #1 - Close to where I live, not many services on north end.
- Section #1 - Near high school and many housing developments.
- Section #3 - Close to the current library.
- Section #1 - I live in 1.
- Section #1 - It's the other side of town....
- Section #4 - I live there and that area is growing a lot!
- Section #3 - Close to me.
- Section #2 - Could maybe tie it into the City building on First and Wilson and close to the bike trail.
- Section #1 - The northwest corner of Loveland is underserved for most services. A second branch of the library would help to bring more community activities to the area and those with limited mobility.
- Section #2 - Growth of residential in this area.
- Section #1 - This area of town is growing rapidly, and is fairly distant from the existing library. There are very few public amenities on the west side of town, and it would be a lovely addition. Plus there is some available land!
- Section #2 - There is a concentration of schools in this area.
- Section #1 – Not a lot of kid or community centered activities or businesses in this area.
- Section #1 – It's closest to where I live (Fort Collins).
- Section #4 – Lots to be built here!! You will have to probably expand it in the future when the population over on that side of town grows, because it will.
- Section #1 – Shift demand off the current location.
- Section #1 – Live in that direction and it’s one of the furthest from the current library.
- Section #2 – Easier to get to.
- Section #1 – Alleviate demand on current library.
- Section #1 – Many schools & school section. Section 2 has more older residents who would not fully utilize a library.
- Section #2 – Because it's where we live, and where most of the growth seems to be.
- Section #1 – It would be closer for those in north Loveland.
- Section #1 – NW vs current SE location.
- Section #1 – No particular reason, because all sections are needed another one.
- Section #1 – It's highly populated and is close by where I live.
- Section #2 – I feel like the west side of Loveland is getting neglected with all the new growth along I 25.
- Section #4 – Most growth.
- Section #1 – My guess for fast, high population growth.
- Section #1 – Development in that area along with the distance from the downtown library.
- Section #1 – It's closer to where I live.
- Section #2 – Large number of people plus the empty HP building.
- Section #4 – Because that is the area if the New growth.
- Section #3 – I live and work there.
- Section #1 – Most inaccessible to current library.
- Section #5 – The City seems to be growing out toward the freeway.
- Section #1 – NW Loveland really needs more options; so many things go to the east part of town, section 4. It would be great to have things that serve that west part of town, which would also include section 2.
- Section #4 – Because we shop frequently at Centerra and this would be an added convenience.
- Section #1 – Because it is across town and north of the existing one. More people will be able to access it.
- Section #1 – I live in this section, and would like a closer library as we go there at least every couple of weeks.
- Section #1 – I live in NW corner of Loveland.
- Section #2 – Because I live southwest of section 2, and it would be a shorter drive.
- Section #4 – More people are moving to the east side of Loveland.
- Section #1 – Let’s keep it in the heart of real Loveland. Keep traffic from crossing town east for EVERYTHING.
- Section #1 – Near my house, near schools, don't have to go downtown to get there.
- Section #2 – My area.
- Section #1 – I believe that location balances with the downtown location.
• Section #1 – This Orr of town doesn’t have a lot of amenities but does have a lot of kids in the area.
• Section #1 – Lots of growth.
• Section #2 – Potential use of old HP building.
• Section #1 – Lots of new housing there, and it's continually growing. There is also a great big park over there.
• Section #4 – Future growth and closer to my house.
• Section #4 – Easy access.
• Section #1 – I live in that zone and with the new schools and houses going up. I see more people using it.
• Section #4 – Most populated and growing area, room for more growth, far away from downtown and current library.
• Section #2 – Lots of schools located here.
• Section #1 – It is the farthest away from the current library with the most schools. That means it has the largest population.
• Section #1 – Distance from current library, still serving large section of the City.
• Section #5 – Nothing over here but houses.
• Section #4 – I would select the NORTH end of either #1 or #4. I think the library needs representation to the north since the current one is so far south.
• Section #1 – This is a very urban area in Loveland (i.e., lots of people), and in the northern area of this section, the citizens are far away from the current library.
• Section #1 – New developments and growth.
• Section #3 – Our newly remade Library is amazing. We don't need another one!
• Section #4 – Perception of where most new development is going in.
• Section #4 – Furthest away from the current location if built on the east side.
• Section #4 – Lots of growth there.
• Section #4 – Growth in the region.
• Section #1 – It is where I live.
• Section #1 – I like in that section.
• Section #2 – There are a lot of schools in that section.
• Section #1 – Close to where new Rec Center is proposed which would be convenient & user-friendly for Loveland residents. Growing area; distance from existing library.
• Section #1 – Better serves north Loveland.
• Section #4 – There is a lot of residential development in this area. The traffic on Hwy 34 is horrible making it a chore to go to the existing library. The library users in this area have more need than the other areas. By the way, I live in Section #1 - Green.
• Section #1 – We live in this area and the main library is far away.
• Section #2 – it appears to have the largest population growth.
• Section #1 – General distance from the existing library.
• Section #1 – Excellent locations available and hard to get to main library.
• Section #1 – I live there. Also, the current library is in 3, and 2 could easily use 1 or 3. I admit 4 could really use a branch, but it would serve only 4.
• Section #1 – Existing population.
• Section #1 – Section 1 looks like a densely populated area and could benefit the most from a second library branch.
• Section #4 – There need to be more around that area.
• Section #1 – Nearer my home.
• Section #1 – Tired of homeless loitering the downtown library.
• Section #1 – It is less densely populated and would be able to be accessed by people living in the more mountainous, unincorporated areas of Loveland.
• Section #1 – Because I live there. A drop box even would be great for returns.
• Section #1 – Live nearest to that section.
• Section #1 – The most room. Opposite to where we have the main library.
• Section #4 – Close to I-25. But our community is small enough that I don't think location is particularly important.
• Section #4 – Growth near I-25.
• Section #4 – This area is quickly growing and will continue to grow. However, there are not many resources in this part of town yet. The traffic into town along 34 is horrendous, since everyone has to drive West into town for everything from gas to groceries.
• Section #1 – The most room. Opposite to where we have the main library.
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• Section #1 – Live there & a larger population.
• Section #1 – Because we have very few City facilities in the northwest part of town.
• Section #4 – The unfortunate City expansion goes mostly east.
• Section #1 – We live on the north end of Loveland and often find the traffic/drive time to be a deterrent to attending library activities.
• Section #1 – Building rapidly.
• Section #1 – Quite a lot of residential growth in that area, plus it is remote from the current library.
• Section #4 – Area I live in and would love to use th library if near my family.
• Section #1 – Developments in this area are now stable.
• Section #1 – It is the furthest area from the current library so would be good to spread out the services.
• Section #1 – I live in this section.
• Section #4 – Most area of growth.
• Section #4 – Seems to be a lot of growth out that way.
• Section #1 – There is continuing new development in this area that could use a new branch library.
• Section #1 – Population growth in the area.
• Section #1 – The library would be most used.
• Section #2 – Most schools tells me most kids!
• Section #1 – Close to home.
• Section #1 – Increasing population of West side.
• Section #4 – I just picked one. The current library is very centrally located so its hard to choose a section to serve the most citizens.
• Section #3 – Closest to my house.
• Section #4 – Growth happening in this area
• Section #1 – Then there would be one on both sides of town. Kids from my school can't walk to the current one.
• Section #2 – It would be great to be able to bike to the library on the bike path.
• Section #1 – This area is lacking in a lot of ways.
• Section #2 – Travel to the east side of Loveland is awkward. Consider location on west side with easy access to the bike path.
• Section #4 – Closer to me
• Section #5 – 4 - vintage far from City center with much traffic on 34
• Section #4 – This section is growing the most and needs access to a library.
• Section #2 – Good location
• Section #1 – It is growing rapidly.
• Section #2 – Closest to home.
• Section #1 – There seems to be a lot of schools in that area and lots of new homes with families. As well as open space in which to build.
• Section #4 – I think section 3 or 4 would be the best options. There is not a lot on the north side of Loveland and I feel that there are lot of families in that area.
• Section #1 – Poor urban planning means northwest Loveland is a desert when it comes to . . . Walking to anything besides a 7-11 or Ziggi's.
• Section #4 – Loveland is rapidly growing in this area.
• Section #2 – Close to my house.
• Section #1 – Furthest from the library.
• Section #1 – It is kind of far away from the current library.
• Section #1 – It's near my workplace and home.
• Section #4 – Takes a long time to get into town from centers.
• Section #1 – A lot of residential growth.
• Section #2 – New growth/ neighborhoods.
• Section #4 – It's fairly close to where I live.
• Section #2 – It's where we live!!
• Section #1 – Close to where i live and new growth.
• Section #1 – Furthest from main library.
• Section #4 – Should be highest population and geographical coverage.
• Section #1 – To be near LHS, LEMS, and the new LCS MS/HS.
• Section #4 – It seems that most of the new growth is out that direction.
• Section #1 – Because it is opposite the libraries current location.
• Section #1 – Closer to home.
• Section #1 – Large concentration of homes that would benefit from easier library access. Yellow flag seems ideal.
• Section #1 – 1. I live there, and 2, it's growing.
• Section #1 – I live in the area.
• Section #1 – I would like to see some services in nw Loveland.
• Section #1 – It's opposite of where the current when is now.
• Section #4 – Huge population boom to the east.
• Section #1 – Closer to my home.
• Section #4 – Huge population boom to the east.
• Section #1 – Close to my house.
• Section #1 – It seems to have experienced the highest growth of families and seniors over the past 10 years.
• Section #1 – Would like better access in the north part of town.
• Section #1 – I live there. It’s not too crowded, lots of options for development and far enough away from the current library.
• Section #1 – It seems like it makes the most sense considering where the current library is and where lots of people live.
• Section #3 – Equidistance with other library and rest of City.
• Section #3 – North end of town needs library.
• Section #1 – There’s a lot of empty space and room for new development at the northern part of section 1.
• Section #1 – I live there.
• Section #1 – There are few City services in this area and we most often go to Fort Collins for the library because Loveland’s library is just too far away.
• Section #5 – Location to our home.
• Section #1 – Lots of growth.
• Section #4 – I want a library closer to businesses either along Eisenhower or I-25.
• Section #1 – No other services near that area.
• Section #4 – Great location close to new housing development and shopping center.
• Section #1 – Largest population not containing a current library.
• Section #1 – Because that is an area that has seen a lot of growth with new schools and could use a second branch.
• Section #2 – Close to elementary schools and neighborhoods.
• Section #1 – Lots of people but few amenities.
• Section #1 – It’s close to my house, and I’d be more likely to use it.
• Section #1 – Bridges gap between Loveland and Fort Collins and new homes being developed with families and children to serve.
• Section #4 – It is a good distance from the downtown library and the Fort Collins libraries. Growth is headed that way.
• Section #1 – Near the bike path between Fort Collins and Loveland that is currently being built.
• Section #4 – Near my home.
• Section #4 – New school and many new houses. A lot of growth.
• Section #2 – proximity
• Section #1 – It’s north of Eisenhower and on the west side of town.
• Section #1 – There is a large population, but no direct route to the current library.
• Section #3 – The northern part of Section 3 is a good location to represent the northern half of Loveland.
• Section #1 – Distance from current library and population.
• Section #3 – West and north can use harmony library. This seems most accessible by the population.
• Section #1 – Seems like a lot of the population is there, and far away from the only current LPL.
• Section #1 – A lot of people live in this area.
• Section #2 – Usage demand for library will be high.
• Section #1 – The largest population of youth live there. Our largest population of high school students are at LHS and Lucile Erwin Middle has just under 1,000 students (Erwin almost has more students than Mountain View High School. There is still growth projected for development there.
• Section #2 – This area is experiencing amazing growth!
• Section #1 – Growth in the area.
• Section #1 – Further from current library. Closer to me and routes I use.
• Section #2 – It’s by my house.
• Section #4 – Rapidly growing area @ considerable distance from main branch.
• Section #4 – Because I could walk to it!
• Section #1 – Closer to my house.
• Section #1 – Because the other sections seem close to the existing Library and this area needs a library that side of town.
• Section #4 – Current location is close to the other sections.
• Section #4 – I feel like the current bldg is located at a pretty central area to all the other sections, except for #4/blue.
• Section #2 – This era lacks services.
• Section #2 – Close to where I live
• Section #2 – I live in this section
• Section #1 – Hi density of kids and adjacent to big parks.
• Section #3 – Centralized, higher density residential.
• Section #1 – because I live there ;-) 
• Section #1 – Because it is a growing area and would get used more as there is Seniors in that area that could walk to it.
• Section #1 – Room for development and walking/biking distance from several schools.
• Section #2 – It’s a growing area.
• Section #2 – Close to home.
• Section #1 – Proximity to home and it seems like there’s little in the way of public government facilities in that section of town.
• Section #4 – Long distance to existing facility. I would like it in area one, because that’s where I live, but we can access the Fort Collins library easily.
• Section #1 – It spreads out the locations better.
• Section #1 – North Loveland could use something like this!
• Section #1 – It’s further from the first one and close to where I live.
• Section #3 – That’s where I live.
• Section #3 – Location--I love closer to Horseshoe Lake.
• Section #4 – Closest to my home.
• Section #1 – A library would be great near Mehaffey Park!
• Section #1 – Need library in northern Loveland
• Section #1 – Closest to me but north #3 would be great too.
• Section #1 – There’s nothing in that area. And it’s the furthest away from the library that we have now, besides Centerra which needs to stop taking everything from in-town Loveland.
• Section #1 – I would love a library near where i live! So my kids could walk/ride bikes to it.
• Section #2 – 10 schools in that section.
• Section #1 – Because it's closer to where I live. Plus, Mehaffey Park area is screaming for a public library branch...
• Section #2 – I spend time in that area of town.
• Section #4 – A lot of population growth. Also, new schools.
• Section #1 – This is big residential area and I believe that people would enjoy a neighborhood library in walking and biking distance.
• Section #2 – Many schools clumped together.
• Section #1 – It is closer to me. Lots of kids around here.
• Section #2 – Living on the west side of town, it’s hard to get anything done without driving at least halfway across town.
• Section #1 – Need something in the north end of town.
• Section #4 – Seems like most of the growth is on the northwest side of town. Plus, you want separation from the existing library.
• Section #3 – Most central.
• Section #2 – Proximity to home.
• Section #1 – Closer to the lake, more parks, more business/retail locations.
• Section #1 – There is lots of new development in this area and schools. Kids might be able to walk to the library after school.
• Section #3 – It’s easy for everyone in town to get too.
• Section #1 – NW Loveland lacks services and is growing! Lets make th
• Section #1 – Where we live
• Section #1 – I live there, and there has been so much home and school growth in the area.
• Section #4 – Loveland is expanding in this direction. There isn't a library closeby for the thousands of students in this area.
• Section #4 – Growing area.
• Section #1 – Because it’s on the North Side of Boyd lake and away from downtown and can be more family oriented.
• Section #1 – I am often on the west side of town more than downtown. Plus the library on the west side of town may draw more interest from those that live up the canyon (i.e. Drake).
• Section #1 – There are a lot of families in west part of town that wouldn't have to drive so far.
• Section #4 – It’s the area of fastest growth.
- Section #1 – There isn’t much to do on the NW side of town and lots of growth there.
- Section #1 – It would be best for me to attend story times with children.
- Section #2 – It would be nice if it could be in a building next to the river. The views would be fantastic and so peaceful for the library. Great way to develop without making it seem commercial next to the river. An outdoor seating area next to the river would be absolutely lovely.
- Section #4 – Most growth
- Section #2 – Because I live there.
- Section #1 – I believe we need a library in West Loveland, and I frequently drive in that part of Loveland.
- Section #1 – On the other side of town, near where I live.

Any questions, comments, or concerns?

- We don’t need a new library. The current one is never full and was remodeled less than a decade ago. Half the books are online now so fewer people go in person and books are distributed across the state (Prospector) so we don’t need more book space. Spend the money on broadband or fixing infrastructure instead.
- While I was limited to only three choices, I would love to see an educational community garden, combined reading garden, if the site you build has the property available...instructing our community with more resources of the earth around us, grow fruit trees to benefit our community, vegetable garden, flowers, and honey bee hives. Tech on the inside of the library, nature tech on the outside.
- I am concerned about libraries being a day center or daycare for the homeless population. I don’t dislike the homeless and we need more services for them. But I feel like the library has become a day center for them. When I visit the library here in Loveland or in Fort Collins there are dozens of homeless who just sit there all day. They take off their shoes and spread their belongings everywhere and treat the space like it belongs to them. It’s bothersome because it limits everyone’s access and makes non-homeless not want to visit the library. Please take that into account before building a new one. Think about how you can build a new branch but ensure the space isn’t overburdened by people taking advantage.
- This survey is biased towards a new branch instead of other options. Not selecting an option results in non-acceptance of answers. Please disregard all checked boxes; I was forced to check them in order to send the survey. How about extended hours? Also, where is the cost and feasibility study for citizens to review?
- Until you decide to present an honest poll there is no point in future conversations to discuss the matter.
- I would love the idea of the branch being next to a body of water. i.e. the north side of Boedecker lake, or Dyekman res to increase the draw of both the library services, and the outdoor interest.
- Would love to see another library!
I know that it's out of your hands, BUT, the current library is NOT a safe place for kids to be at without an adult. When my daughter was on juvenile probation (she made dumb choices and paid consequences - I'm certainly not condoning this) but the Library was on the list of forbidden places for her to be. IF she had been contacted by law enforcement for any reason and was at library when on probation, she would've been arrested. I've noticed that there's a lot of bad going on around there (outside honestly that is not your control) BUT it's not safe for my 13 year old son to go to (he's not allowed without an adult). Just sad. I don't know what the answer is (except maybe an indoor and outdoor security guard) but it's something that needs to be looked at (for current library and any future ones as well).

The main library is losing books at an amazing, and dare I say, alarming rate. Please don't get carried away. Electronic and lending sources are great but we need books on the shelves.

We don't have anything out here in the Wilson/43rd area. It would be great to have a library out here. There are lots of spaces in this area that would be perfect for a library.

It seems like everything has been moving eastward and the west side has been forgotten. It would be nice to not have to drive so far to get to so many things, including the library.

Does current library usage suggest a 2nd library is needed?

When we first moved here in 1979 all of the grocery stores had drop off boxes, which we felt was a great idea! I do wish something like that could be done again. The parking at the library now is always so crowded, it would be nice to drop your books off somewhere instead of having to fight the crowd.

The overall concept and the actual building should embrace all heritages.

build a NEW LIBRARY , JUST LIKE THE CURRENT ONE asap - THE CURRENT ONE IS FANTASTIC.

If things continue like they are, I suspect the Kmart Store will be available. I would rather see an existing building repurposed than a large amount spent building from scratch.

Near Mehaffey Park!!

I really think it's not necessary to have another library. Next generation doesn't read books but reads on phones and tablets. Think the City could use that money for something for kids to keep them active. Libraries already are a mecca for homeless individuals so we don't go anymore.

I wish the library would consider at least placing a drop box somewhere else in the City. I live far NW and really prefer to use my own City's library vs going to the Fort Collins one at Front Range, however sometimes it feels impossible to get all the way to the library to return books on time, esp. with kids and activity schedules involved. A drop box somewhere more central would be heavily utilized, I believe.

The current library is centrally located and easily accessible to all; Loveland isn't that large. Rather than build another library, I would rather see those funds used to enhance the current library and to enhance 'on-line' access to the resources at the library. This would reduce the time and effort to use the resources and improve the experience for those who prefer to go to the library building. Let's acknowledge and accommodate the
fact that most people prefer to get their information on-line and this plan is more efficient and cost effective.

- I am not sure if a branch library is really needed. Do we really need to spend the money? Are there really that many people that are not served by the present library? It is centrally located and never seems to be too busy. My family and I use it often, and we love everything about it! I just don’t want to dilute the monies too much so that there is no real focus on the ultimate goal -- being the best library for the citizens of Loveland. A branch library would add expense and overhead. With the consortium of libraries along the Front Range, do we really need another branch in Loveland? Thanks for asking our opinion. Good luck.

- We do not need another library. The great facility we have is sufficient for our City.
- Go section #1!!
- Is expanding or adding an annex to the current library an option? Making traditional and new library offerings all available at/near the current location appeals to me.
- Do we really need a second library?
- Need more foreign language materials.
- You should consider looking at and modeling after the High Plains libraries. I think they offer many services that benefit their communities. They also have more lenient checkout times on digital media and do not charge to check out a DVD. I never use the Loveland library because they do not have current materials and their policies are too stringent.
- Thank you for asking!
- Really need remote, offsite return boxes for people who use library heavily.
- The Spring Hill, TN public library has been working through a similar scenario (growth into a new building). Dana would be an excellent resource to connect with for their experiences and mutual brainstorming (931) 486-2932
- I’d like to have a section of the library (current or new) where patrons can check out or play board games. The board gaming hobby continues to grow and many libraries around the country are supporting it. The biggest challenge seems to be making sure all game components are included and checked for damage when games are checked back in.
- Thanks for letting us CHOOSE which computer we’d like to borrow. Hated being seated like in a bad restaurant, right next to Smelly Bob and his 2 year old.
- Yes, if we decide on having a second floor, can we make that area more accessible? Half the time I forget we even have a second floor and it looked so ominous the first time I went up there and saw the admin offices.
- Funding for a second library is a big concern. Especially when our schools in the community are seriously suffering.
- Does Loveland really need a 2nd Library? My suggestion would be to keep updating the one we have, such as having an automated materials check in outside and inside the building and adding another level, or move it to a different location with a new building.
- We love our library. Keep up the good work.
- More books. I’ve been having to supplement with high plains library district books.
• More online materials. It seems like 1 ebook license is purchased and there are a multitude of people with it on hold.
• Regardless of library location, it would be nice to have some library return drop boxes all over town.
• I love our current library, excited to see what the future brings for the library.

Appendix 2 – Site Evaluation Criteria