

Saucon Valley Library Task Force Survey

Please complete the survey to the best of your abilities.

The results are 100% anonymous, unless you identify yourself.

*1. Where do you live?

- ☐ Hellertown Borough
- ☐ Lower Saucon Township
- ☐ Other (please specify)

*2. What is your gender?

- ☐ Male ☐ Female

*3. What is your age?

- ☐ Younger than 21 ☐ 41-60
- ☐ 21-40 ☐ 61+

*4. For library services, which library do you use?

- ☐ Bethlehem Area Public Library
- ☐ Hellertown Area Library
- ☐ Other (i.e. Internet, Bookmobile, etc)

*5. How often do you use the library?

- ☐ At least once a week
- ☐ Once every two weeks
- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ Once every six months
- ☐ Once a year
- ☐ Never (Please explain why not)

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*6. What are your main reasons for using the library?

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| ☐ To borrow bestsellers | ☐ To get information for school |
| ☐ To borrow other fiction books | ☐ To attend children's programs |
| ☐ To borrow nonfiction books | ☐ To use word processing computers |
| ☐ To get information/research | ☐ Get information for home/car repair |
| ☐ To use the children's area | ☐ To borrow adult books on tape |
| ☐ To use the young adult area | ☐ To get income tax forms |
| ☐ To borrow videos/DVDs/music | ☐ To attend meetings/programs |
| ☐ To use the copy machine | ☐ To accompany someone |
| ☐ To read/borrow magazines | ☐ To meet friends/business associates |
| ☐ To use the public fax machine | ☐ To find a quiet place to work |
| ☐ To read newspapers | ☐ To use reference materials |
| ☐ To use the internet | |
| ☐ Other (please specify) | |

7. If you don't use the library regularly, why not?

- ☐ Don't need to use it
- ☐ Location/parking is not convenient
- ☐ Don't have any transportation
- ☐ Not enough staff
- ☐ Don't have a library card
- ☐ I use the library at my school/college
- ☐ Doesn't have what I am looking for
- ☐ I buy my own books/magazines
- ☐ Library is too crowded

Other (please specify)

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*8. How do you spend your time in the library?

	Yes	No
Browse books, look for a certain book	☐	☐
For hobby or personal curiosity	☐	☐
Check out/return books	☐	☐
Use computerized catalog	☐	☐
Find specific facts	☐	☐
Use the computers	☐	☐
Check out/return videos, CDs, tapes	☐	☐
Browse magazines, newspapers	☐	☐
Attend classes	☐	☐
Access on-line databases, journals	☐	☐
Sit, rest, and relax	☐	☐
Socialize with friends	☐	☐
Job, or potential job	☐	☐
Access internet	☐	☐
Other	☐	☐

Other (please specify here)

*9. What times do you prefer to use the library?

- ☐ Morning (9 am-noon)
- ☐ Afternoon (noon-5pm)
- ☐ Evening (5pm-8 pm)
- ☐ Later than 8 pm (please specify)

please specify here

*10. What days do you prefer to use the library?

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| ☐ Monday | ☐ Friday |
| ☐ Tuesday | ☐ Saturday |
| ☐ Wednesday | ☐ Sunday |
| ☐ Thursday | |

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***11. Please rate the following in terms of importance for an ideal library whether it is available or not at your current library.**

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Mandatory
Study Rooms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Story Time Space	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Study Carrels	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Meeting Space	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Computers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Young Adult Area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Children's Area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Parking	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Separate Reading Area for Magazines and Newspapers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Drive up drop-off for library materials	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
On-line Databases	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Internet Access	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Remote Access to Library	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Library Website	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
EBooks	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cafe	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pay fees, fines with credit cards	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ability to register for programs on-line	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Local history section	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Older adult programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Quiet Reading Room	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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*12. Do you see a need for library service in any of the following areas?

	Yes	No
Basic literacy	☐	☐
Business and career information	☐	☐
Consumer information	☐	☐
Public meeting space	☐	☐
Community information and referral	☐	☐
Current topics & titles	☐	☐
General information	☐	☐
Lifelong learning	☐	☐
Information literacy	☐	☐
Formal learning support	☐	☐
Local history and genealogy	☐	☐
Government information	☐	☐
Cultural awareness	☐	☐
Skills to find, evaluate, and use information	☐	☐
Other	☐	☐

Other (please specify here)

*13. On average, how often do you visit the library website?

- ☐ A couple of times per month
- ☐ A couple of times a week
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Not Sure
- ☐ Once a year

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***14. Where would you most like the consolidated library to focus its funding?**

- ☐ Books, DVDs, CDs to check out
- ☐ Staff available to assist library users
- ☐ Clean and welcoming library building
- ☐ Programming for adults, teens, and children
- ☐ Technology
- ☐ Additional hours of operation

Other (please specify)

15. Thank you for participating in the Saucon Valley Library Task Force Survey.

If you have any additional comments please feel free to comment below and the committee will review them accordingly.