

2012 Monroe County Public Library Survey

The Monroe County Public Library needs participation from county residents to plan Library services in the community. Even if you do not currently use the Monroe County Public Library, your input is important. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and help us plan for the future. *If your household includes children, please consider their needs in your responses.*

CURRENT USE OF THE MONROE COUNTY LIBRARY

1. Please indicate how often you and members of your household have used the following facilities or services in the past 12 months by circling the appropriate number.

	Once a week <u>or more</u>	Once/twice <u>a month</u>	Few times <u>a year</u>	<u>Never</u>
(A) Main Library in downtown Bloomington.....	1	2	3	4
(B) Ellettsville Branch Library.....	1	2	3	4
(C) Library Website.....	1	2	3	4
(D) Bookmobile.....	1	2	3	4
(E) Homebound Service/Outreach Van.....	1	2	3	4
(F) Other: _____.....	1	2	3	4

2. Please check ALL the purpose(s) for which you or members of your household used the library in the past 12 months? [Check ALL that apply]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Checked out a book
<input type="checkbox"/> (02) Checked out an audiobook
<input type="checkbox"/> (03) Downloaded e-book/audiobook
<input type="checkbox"/> (04) Checked out a music CD
<input type="checkbox"/> (05) Downloaded music (Freegal)
<input type="checkbox"/> (06) Checked out a movie
<input type="checkbox"/> (07) Checked out a magazine
<input type="checkbox"/> (08) Picked up materials on hold
<input type="checkbox"/> (09) Attended a children's program
<input type="checkbox"/> (10) Attended a teen program
<input type="checkbox"/> (11) Attended an adult program
<input type="checkbox"/> (12) Attended a meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> (13) Used a library computer | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Used library wireless (Wi-Fi)
<input type="checkbox"/> (15) Worked on a school assignment
<input type="checkbox"/> (16) Used job search resources
<input type="checkbox"/> (17) Found information for work
<input type="checkbox"/> (18) Asked a librarian a question
<input type="checkbox"/> (19) Read a newspaper/magazine
<input type="checkbox"/> (20) Spent time in a quiet place
<input type="checkbox"/> (21) Met a friend or family member
<input type="checkbox"/> (22) Accessed an online research tool
<input type="checkbox"/> (23) Accessed a government form (tax, license, unemployment)
<input type="checkbox"/> (24) Other: _____ |
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3. From the list in Question #2 above, please indicate the THREE main purposes for which you or members of your household used the Library over the past 12 months.

1st Main Purpose: _____ 2nd Main Purpose: _____ 3rd Main Purpose: _____

4. Do you or members of your household have a library card for the Monroe County Public Library?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Don't know

5. From the following list, please check ALL the reasons preventing you or members of your household from using the Monroe County Public Library or its services in the past 12 months.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Did not know about the Library | <input type="checkbox"/> (09) No transportation to get there |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Did not have what I wanted/needed | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Was too busy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Locations not convenient | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Hard to find parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Used the Internet instead | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Inconvenient to use library computer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Owed fines or fees | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Environment unpleasant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Bought/rented materials elsewhere | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Used a different library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Library hours not convenient | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) Physical condition of materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Physical access too difficult | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) None |

6. From the list below, please indicate the THREE primary ways you prefer to learn about library services.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Social media (Facebook/Twitter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Library program guide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Word of mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> (09) CATS TV Channel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) School | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Fliers/posters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Library website | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) E-mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Visit/call to the library | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Friends Mailing |

COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION SERVICES (CATS)

7. Please check ALL the ways you and members of your household accessed Community Access Television Services (CATS) in the last 12 months.

- (1) Cable (2) Stream from Web (3) Do not access

8. Please indicate how often you and members of your household have used the following Community Access Television Services (CATS) in the past 12 months by circling the appropriate number.

	Once a week <u>or more</u>	Once or twice <u>per month</u>	Few times <u>a year</u>	<u>Never</u>
(A) City government meetings	1	2	3	4
(B) County government meetings (plus library board, RBBCSC, MCCSC and Town of Ellettsville meetings)	1	2	3	4
(C) Educational/cultural programs	1	2	3	4
(D) SCOLA international news	1	2	3	4
(E) Other public access programs	1	2	3	4

9. How would you rate your satisfaction with CATS? Note: If you do not use CATS, please indicate “don’t know.”

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Very satisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Very dissatisfied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Somewhat satisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Somewhat dissatisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Don’t know |

10. If there was ONE thing you could do to improve CATS, what would it be?

SATISFACTION WITH THE LIBRARY'S CURRENT SERVICES

11. Using a scale from 5 to 1 where “5” is “Very Satisfied” and “1” is “Very Dissatisfied,” how would you rate each of the following Library services for you and members of your household? [Circle your rating]. If you don't use, please circle “Don't Use”.]

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Use
(A) Books for adults	5	4	3	2	1	9
(B) Books for teens	5	4	3	2	1	9
(C) Books for children.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(D) Newspapers/magazines	5	4	3	2	1	9
(E) Audiobooks.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(F) E-books.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(G) Music CDs	5	4	3	2	1	9
(H) Downloadable music (Freegal).....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(I) Movies (DVDs) for adults	5	4	3	2	1	9
(J) Movies (DVDs) for children.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(K) Library website	5	4	3	2	1	9
(L) Online research tools	5	4	3	2	1	9
(M) Online library catalog	5	4	3	2	1	9
(N) Public computers.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(O) Wireless access	5	4	3	2	1	9
(P) Requesting an item to be held.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(Q) Courteousness of staff.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(R) Knowledge of staff.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(S) Cleanliness/maintenance of facilities.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(T) Convenience of locations.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(U) Hours of operation	5	4	3	2	1	9
(V) Parking	5	4	3	2	1	9
(W) Meeting room facilities	5	4	3	2	1	9
(X) Library programs for adults	5	4	3	2	1	9
(Y) Library programs for teens.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(2) Library programs for children.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(3) Bookmobile service	5	4	3	2	1	9
(4) VITAL adult literacy services.....	5	4	3	2	1	9

12. Which FOUR services from the list in Question #11 do you or members of your household feel are most important for the Library to provide? [Using the letters and numbers above in Question #11, please write in the letters and numbers below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices, or circle NONE.]

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ 4th: _____ NONE

E-READERS AND E-BOOKS

13. Do you own an e-reader? (Check ONE)

- (1) Yes [Please answer Q13a]
 (2) No, but I plan on purchasing an e-reader in the next 12 months
 (3) No, and I do not plan on purchasing an e-reader in the next 12 months

13a. Please check the type of e-reader you own. (Check ALL that apply)

- (1) Tablet computer (color) (3) Smart phone
 (2) E-reader (black and white) (4) Other: _____

14. How many e-books have you purchased from retail outlets in the past 12 months?

- (1) 10 or more e-books (2) 5-9 e-books (3) 1-4 e-books (4) None

15. How many e-books have you downloaded from the Library in the past 12 months?

- (1) 10 or more e-books (2) 5-9 e-books (3) 1-4 e-books (4) None

16. Using a scale from 5 to 1, where “5” is “Very Satisfied” and “1” is “Very Dissatisfied,” how would you rate each of the following e-book services offered by the Library? [Circle your rating. If you don’t use, please circle “Don’t Use”.]

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Use
(A) E-book titles available.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(B) Ease of searching for titles.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(C) Ease of downloading.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(D) Assistance from staff.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
(E) Documentation/instructions.....	5	4	3	2	1	9

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OF THE LIBRARY

17. From the following list, please choose the THREE principal roles and services the Library should emphasize in the next few years. [Please check your top THREE.]

- (01) Support job seekers and local economic development
 (02) Provide quiet places for reading and individual study
 (03) Support group study and collaboration
 (04) Support education and literacy for children and adults
 (05) Provide resources for reading/listening/viewing pleasure
 (06) Serve as a source of free information
 (07) Foster civic engagement
 (08) Help individuals use technology tools to find, use and analyze information
 (09) Support individuals in creating and sharing their digital content (art, music, writing, video, etc.)
 (10) Provide services to support our multicultural community

ACTIONS THE LIBRARY CAN TAKE IN THE FUTURE

18. Following are some actions that the Monroe County Public Library could take to improve Library services and facilities. Please indicate whether you feel each action is a high priority, medium priority, low priority, or are not sure by circling the number to the right of the action.

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Sure
Facilities priorities				
(A) Additional locations	4	3	2	1
(B) Expanded evening hours (Monday-Friday)	4	3	2	1
(C) Expanded weekend hours (Saturday-Sunday)	4	3	2	1
(D) After-hours availability of meeting and performance spaces	4	3	2	1
(E) More group study spaces	4	3	2	1
(F) Improved parking	4	3	2	1
(G) Reduced use of environmental resources, such as water and electricity	4	3	2	1
Digital priorities				
(H) Support for basic computer literacy	4	3	2	1
(I) More help with developing workforce skills through digital training	4	3	2	1
(J) Support for learning skills for digital creativity (e.g., movie making, game design, music production)	4	3	2	1
(K) More downloadable e-books	4	3	2	1
(L) More downloadable audiobooks	4	3	2	1
(M) More downloadable movies	4	3	2	1
(N) More downloadable music	4	3	2	1
(O) More local digital content (books, music, history, film)	4	3	2	1
Service priorities				
(P) Multicultural services (staff, collections, programs)	4	3	2	1
(Q) Personalized staff service	4	3	2	1
(R) Broadened community partnerships	4	3	2	1
(S) Multi-age programs	4	3	2	1
(T) Fun, entertaining programs	4	3	2	1

19. Which **FOUR** actions from the list in Question #18 do you or members of your household feel are **most important** for the Library to provide? [Using the letters and numbers above in Question #18, please write in the letters below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices, or circle 'NONE'.]

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ 4th: _____ NONE

20. Overall, how would you rate the importance of the Library **to yourself and members of your household?**

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| _____ (1) Extremely important | _____ (3) Not very important |
| _____ (2) Somewhat important | _____ (4) Not at all important |

21. Overall, how would you rate the importance of the Library **to the future of Monroe County?**

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| _____ (1) Extremely important | _____ (3) Not very important |
| _____ (2) Somewhat important | _____ (4) Not at all important |

22. In your opinion what is the most important action the Monroe County Public Library could take to improve?

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

23. What is your gender?

(01) Male (02) Female

24. What is your age? _____

25. What is your highest education level?

(01) Elementary/middle school (04) Bachelor degree
 (02) High school diploma (05) Graduate degree
 (03) Associate degree (06) Other: _____

26. What is your home ZIP code? _____

27. Which language is primarily spoken in your home?

(01) English (03) Other: _____
 (02) Spanish

28. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are:

Under age 5 Ages 15-19 Ages 35-44 Ages 65-74
Ages 5-9 Ages 20-24 Ages 45-54 Ages 75+
Ages 10-14 Ages 25-34 Ages 55-64

29. Do you have a computer with Internet access in your home?

(01) Broadband access (03) No access
 (02) Dial-up access

30. What is your household income?

(1) Under \$25,000 (4) \$75,000-\$99,999
 (2) \$25,000-\$49,999 (5) \$100,000 or more
 (3) \$50,000-\$74,999

**This concludes the survey. The Monroe County Public Library thanks you for your participation! Please return survey in the enclosed envelope to:
ETC Institute, 725 W. Frontier Circle, Olathe, KS 66061**

Your response will remain completely confidential.
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