



**MARVEL ESCAPE ROOM**  
 Middletown Public Library  
 Fridays, Dec 23-30th  
 Work through a series of puzzles to collect the Infinity Stones!!!



MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**FEATHERED FRIENDS WORKSHOP**  
 November 12 | Saturday | 1-2PM  
 Children's Room



# MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY



**Paint with Your Grandchild**

JANUARY 28, 2023 AT 5:00 AM  
 ALL AGES WELCOME. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.  
 Wear clothes you can get messy!



**TECH CAMP**

February 21-23  
 1:00-3:00pm  
 Ages 10 and up

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for computer-aided T-shirt design, robot obstacle courses, and 3D printing!

# Executive Summary for Middletown Town Council

6 March 2023

Library Building Program for  
Middletown Public Library  
(MPL)

Commissioned by MPL

Prepared by Lauren Stara

## Library Building Program

### Middletown Public Library

Middletown, Rhode Island • December 2022

*Lauren Stara, Library Design Consultant*



# Looking to the future (BLUF)

## **Existing Library Facility**

- Year originally built: 1960
- Became a library: 1978
- Additional space: 2002

Gross Square Footage: 13,558

Parking: 65 total spaces and filling up regularly

Patrons are using the library in new ways and the new building will reflect that.

## **New library to be built**

Required Gross Square Footage: 32,551

- Parking: 79 spaces

Additional space for:

- Conference/study rooms/general seating
- Media Lab/Innovation Center/other programming
- Offices and workrooms
- Collections (Books/Periodicals/AV/etc)

# Developed Requirements for the Middletown Public Library (MPL)

## Current Status

- MPL has maxed out on space.
- It is overcrowded, with most space devoted to shelving for physical collections and computers
- More parking spaces are needed

## Future needs

- Library services have universally changed dramatically.
- Activities and programs are continuously expanding.
- Libraries function as gathering places for lifelong learning
- No longer just about storage of physical collections
- Increased space requirements for meeting, learning, activities, and associated workrooms and storage are reflected in this assessment



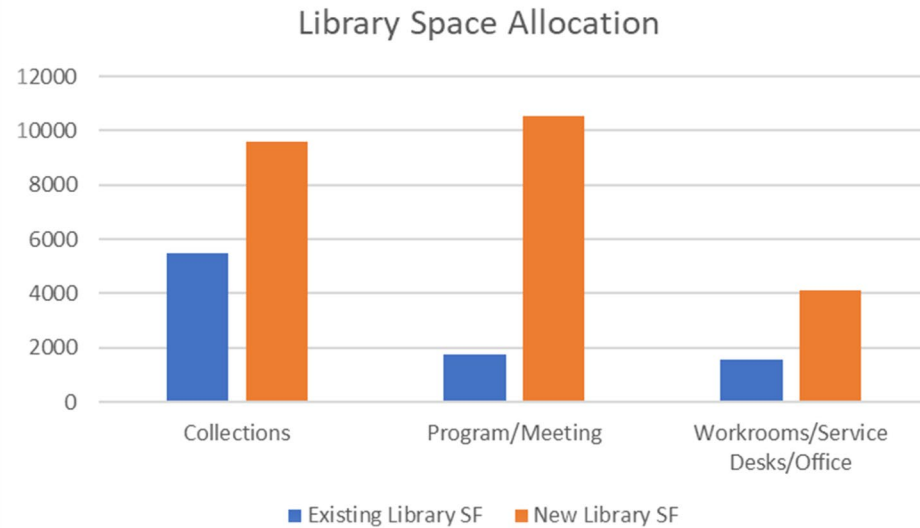
# The Area Descriptions summary on page 11 is followed by a detailed description of each area's requirements

## Example of Detailed Requirements for Youth Services

Area	Existing Library SF	New Library SF	Collections	Open seats	Computer seats	Program seats	Staff seats
Adult fiction	1,152	2,200	32,000	2			
Adult nonfiction	1,344	2,200	32,000	2			
Audio/Visual	125	340	4,500				
Bookstore	234	800		5			1
Bookstore Workroom	0	400					5
Circ Supervisor office	0	110					2
Circ Workroom	160	350					3
Collection storage	165	180	500				
Conference room	0	600				30	
Custodial workroom	60	160					
Data room	72	320					
Delivery/Receiving	0	200					
Digital Media Lab	0	100					
Director's office	165	240					7
General seating	0	4,000		125			
Group study/small meeting	0	200				6	
Information services	128	200		1			1
Information services office	0	110					2
Innovation center	0	650				30	
Kitchenette	0	200					
Library of things	0	40					
Lobby	693	500		8			
Local History	336	400	1,000	14			
Large Print	216	340	1,540	2			
Main service desk/self-check	233	300					3
Meeting/performance	812	200				100	
New	30	100	400				
Periodicals	100	200	700	2			
Public computers	0	800			12		
Staff break room	239	220					12
Study rooms	88	300					12
Tech services workroom	486	600					6
Teen	42	1,200	6,500	20			1
Teen study	50	200				8	
Youth Services	2,036	2,400	15,140	25			2
YS office	0	110					2
YS program	0	600				50	
<b>Total Programmed Space</b>	<b>8,802</b>	<b>24,270</b>	<b>94,200</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>51</b>
Unassigned @ 30%	4,756	7,281					
<b>Gross Square Footage</b>	<b>13,558</b>	<b>31,551</b>					

Area Designation	Youth Services	
Functions Performed	Space for children from birth to age 11 to learn and play Shelving for children's collection	
Occupancy	40 children and adults	
Public Service Desk	Flexible service point for Youth Services staff (2 stations) with adequate storage	
User Seating	25	
Furnishings	4 child-size round tables, 2 for toddlers and 2 for older children 4 lounge seats for adults Varied fun, casual seats for children Play equipment – puppets, soft toys, puzzle table, lego table, etc. Interactive toddler wall	
Shelving	Library shelving – fixed and/or mobile (proportion to be determined) Adjustable shelving to accommodate items of various heights Book bins for item types designated below 4 flexible units for themed displays	
Book Capacity	Type of Book	Type of shelving
	Picture Books 8,500	Front Facing Book bins
	Early Readers 1,250	Front Facing Book bins
	Chapter Books and NF 5,200	Adjustable shelves
	Stem Kits 40	Open Shelving
	DVD – 50, Audio 50 Vox 50	Mobile shelves Mobile shelves
Equipment	1 OPAC station mounted on end panel or cap Wall-mounted digital screen for rotating signage & information 4 children's computers, 2 for young children and 2 for older children; each computer should accommodate 2 seats Child-size self-check station	
Close Proximity To	Children's Program Room Family Restroom	
Distant From	Quiet Reading Current Periodicals Adult Quiet Study Reference	
Area Required	2,400 sf	
Architectural Details	Good lighting Appropriate signage Resilient flooring Good acoustical control Zones for varied levels of activity Zones for different age groups	

# New library space reflects an increase in the importance of meetings and activities

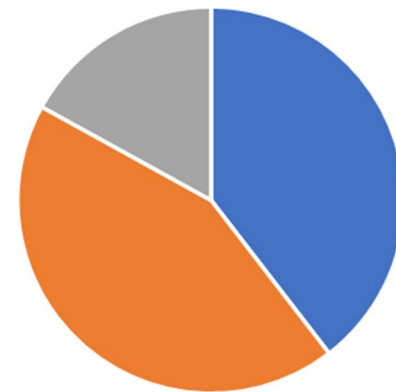


Existing Space Allocation



■ Collections ■ Program/Meeting ■ Workrooms/Service Desks/Office

Future Space Allocation



■ Collections ■ Program/Meeting ■ Workrooms/Service Desks/Office

# Appendix: Survey of MPL Library Customers

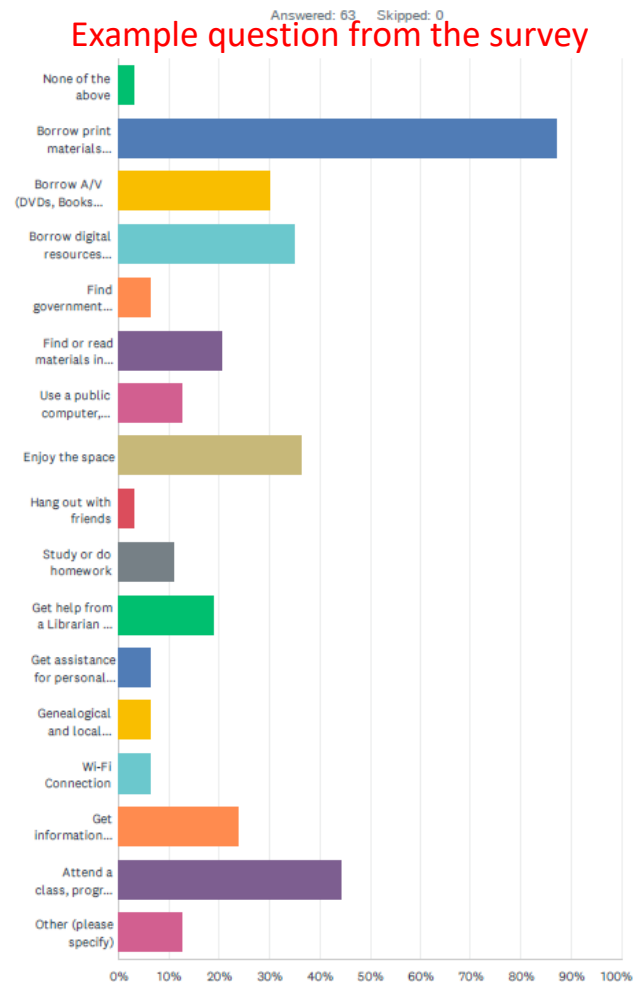
## Middletown Demographics (2020 Census)

- 6804 households/ 17,075 residents
- 18.8% under 18
- 19.7% over 65
- 93.7% high school graduates
- Per capita income \$43,766
- **42% have a library card!**

## Conducted Survey of Library patrons (included as Appendix A):

- Attendees' use of MPL and other libraries
- Favorite and least favorite aspects of MPL
- Difficulties accessing or finding spaces or services
- Suggested improvements
- The library's role in the community

Q3 What do you typically use the Library for? (Please select all that apply)



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