

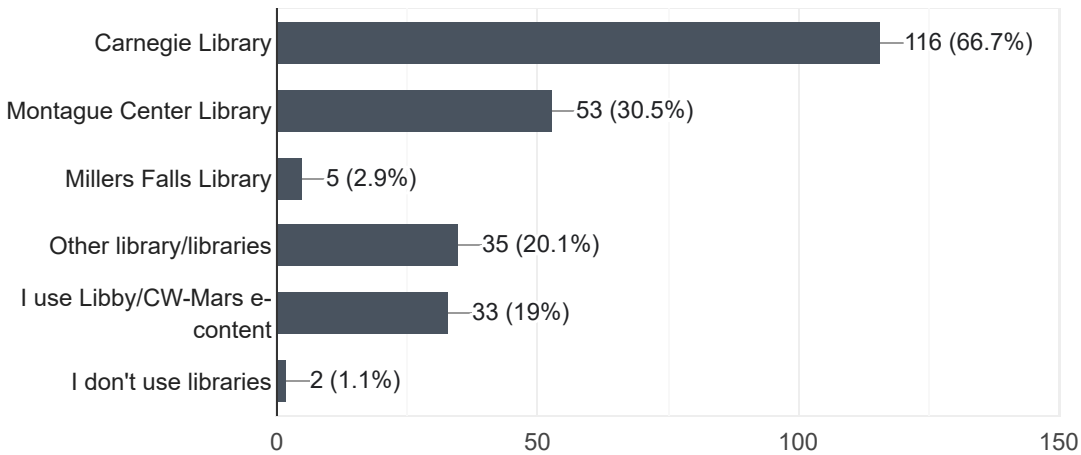
Montague Public Libraries Building Survey

174 responses

I most often use the...
(Check all that apply)



174 responses



If you use a library in another town, which library/libraries do you use and why?

93 responses

NA

Greenfield

Greenfield, nice modern building with lots of multipurpose spaces, looking forward to being involved with their maker space.

Sunderland, like the atmosphere there and the facilities. They have a good collection of children's books.

Northfield - accessible entrance/elevator

I have used the Greenfield Library for access to Ancestry.com. This resource is also available at the Montague Center Library and I have used it on numerous occasions. But the connection is super slow and requires multiple steps to reach the site in contrast to the Greenfield Library where it is available on the sign-in screen. In addition, the hours of the Greenfield Library have been more convenient at times.

Northfield, Amherst, Bernardston- we enjoy checking out other libraries and what they have available.

Shelburne falls and Buckland and greenfield

I occasionally stop by the sunderland library if I'm driving by...and I now go to the leverett library (picking up kids at LES) about 2x a month. I LOVE the new Erving library, the Northfield free puzzle Saturdays, and the Tilton Library programs.

Sunderland and Leverett

carnegie

Greenfield/larger collection

Greenfield; close by, nice place to hang out. Plus the library I work at (a college library) :-)

Greenfield, Jones, Forbes with extensive, wander-able children's sections and reading areas

Leverett, because my grandchildren go to LES and I pick them up sometimes and go to the library next door.

Sunderland & Lilly - near my work and/or on my commute

Greenfield Public Library: they have a large selection of Large Print Books.

greenfield - it's new and beautiful

Jones-Amherst, or Greenfield, if I'm in either area.

Erving library. Easy parking. Spacious children's room and easy to use bathroom.

Kids rooms at Leverett & Sunderland

Northfield. Accessibility.

Erving is so new and beautiful.

Greenfield, I lived in Greenfield a long time & there is lots of personal space area.

Sunderland (open more hours); Amherst and Forbes (more books)

Sunderland - lots of hours, I pass by frequently

Jones (amherst) for its book collection

Sunderland, and Erving have nicer children's sections. Sunderland has had great children's programming.

The Jones and the Forbes b/c I used to live in both Amherst and Northampton. I just go to visit though

Greenfield - it's a new a beautiful building, very modern. Cheerful (always has flowers) and spacious. Kids room is huge and upstairs has lovely art

I often use the Dickinson library in Northfield because it is beautiful and has old fashioned cozy places to sit and read. Unfortunately they have poor quality literature—lots of junky serial authors and mostly just knitting, gardening and cooking in nonfiction. But the building is nice so I bring my own books to read.

Greenfield. Friendliness

Greenfield, larger open spaces, more selection, more services

Sunderland Greenfield Amherst

Sunderland because it's open more often. I'd love to use the Montague Center Library.

UMass DuBois e-resources

Jones Library, Amherst. More complete

Occasional Erving use-make space/crafts

Sometimes Greenfield Public Library b/c my husband works in Greenfield

Greenfield-because new and used to live there, Leverett-because close and kids go to school there

Wendell-very pleasant areas to sit and work

I like to visit other libraries to read the bulletin boards, eavesdrop on gossip about people and towns I don't know, browse the stacks, and just be with neighbors

None

Erving-Open sundays, great librarians, beautiful site! Forbes in 01060, GPL, Sunderland

Shutesbury-long time resident, know all the people there, supporting new library funding

Greenfield and Amherst

Greenfield occasionally

I can walk to the MC library, but use other libraries when MC is not open or I want to get something that it doesn't have or just to check out another place! Greenfield, Sunderland, Turners, S. Deerfield

Greenfield--it has great facilities

Greenfield, comfortable, new facility

Greenfield library--closer than others--especially nice now

Carnegie only to drop off and pick up passes as Montague Center doesn't have them.

Jones Library occassionally, for its convenience, it's collection

Amherst/Greenfield (they are "on my way")

Erving, the facility

Greenfield - convenient to my paid work / Libby comment "when I was healthier, so I had reading time

Occasionally Greenfield if I'm there

Erving, for their crafting sessions and maker space

Erving, South Deerfield -- Erving is accessible for persons with disabilities

interlibrary loan

(CWMars but not Libby)

Greenfield Public Library as I have groups/appointments in Greenfield

Sunderland + Greenfield; spacious, well-lit, good access, easy parking, a lot of space for exhibits, speakers

CW MARS on line to order

Greenfield, very occasionally - more quiet work space

Greenfield, I live there.

I ordered lots of books from other libraries thru Interlibrary loan, so I "use" a lot of libraries

I stop in at other libraries when I'm nearby -- Leverett, Northfield & the new Greenfield library which is fabulous

Greenfield, Amherst Jones. Because I visit those towns for services, friends, shopping.

one, two, times a week

Jones Amherst (large wanderable), Forbes Northampton

Greenfield library for convenience

I use Greenfield because it has more room.

Greenfield library because its close and the new building is super fun!

Sometimes Greenfield for the easy access

Greenfield, Erving now and then

Greenfield, Northampton, Springfield

Greenfield childrens

Greenfield--gorgeous facility; often closeby

Erving, MA

sometimes Dickinson library, Northfield

Northfield, for the children's music program

greenfield, because it has more space

I like Northfield as its the same distance to me as TF. I used to live in Northfield. It's a great building with lots of history.

Sandwich (where my cottage is located)

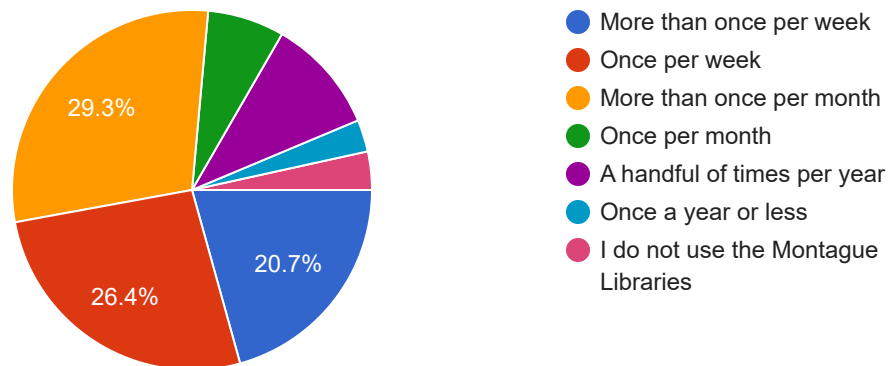
I use my internet

Sunderland (drive by it)

How often do you use the Montague Public Libraries?

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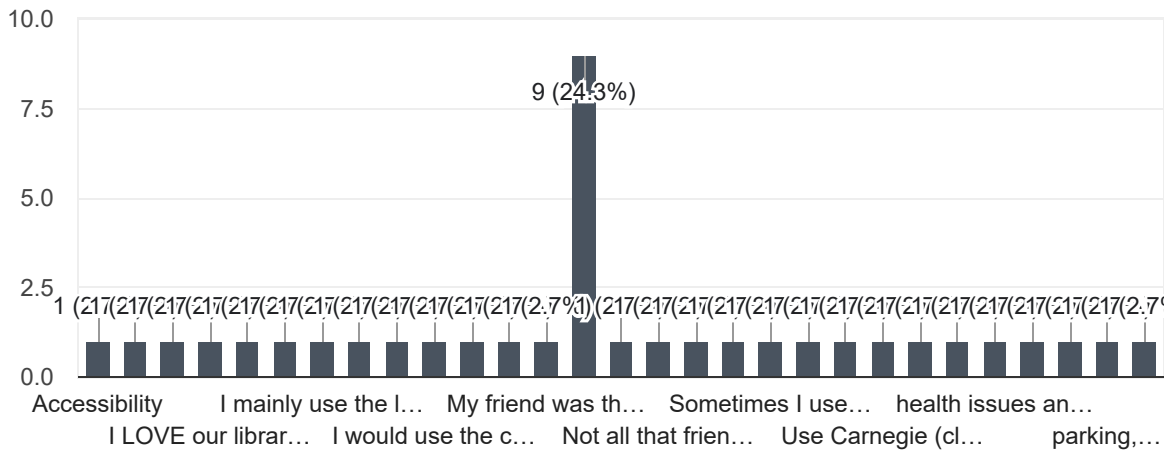
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If you do not use the Montague Public Libraries, why not?



37 responses

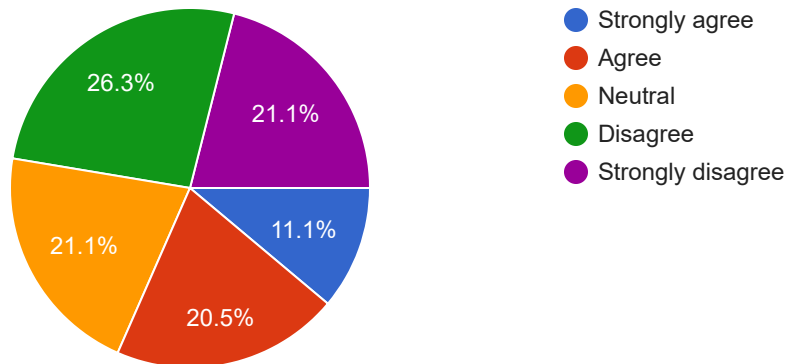


With the Carnegie Library in mind, even if it is not your primary library, please answer the following questions:

The Carnegie Library is adequately accessible.



171 responses



Comments about accessibility:

("The Carnegie Library is adequately accessible")

113 responses

NA

the doors! the stairs! the stacks! the bathrooms! oh my! I could go on.

While the Carnegie is a lovely old building, it's rather cramped inside. Navigating with a wheelchair or walker seems impossible, and access from a car is extremely limited.

The wheelchair ramp is inconveniently located, isles are tight and it's hard to get around within the library.

Access is fine for me but I see people struggle on the stairs.

Is this question a joke? It is not accessible!

Although there is access to the main floor, there is no access to the basement where the used books sales take place or the second floor where I attended a children's event.

The library lacks the space to make navigation comfortable.

The Carnegie library is amazing! Fit the community needs and is beautiful! Every chance to save this location as our historic library should be taken.

its cramped and crowded for a mobile person, never mind someone in a wheelchair, walker, etc

My son who uses a walker was not able to access educational programs upstairs when they used to offer them up there.

Ramp is unwieldy, space is cramped.

So much of the building is inaccessible!

Far from my house

There are lots of stairs to get to the front door and the back door ,although there is a ramp is not easily found or inviting. No access to other floors if you can't climb stairs. The restroom is small and difficult to get to easily.

Bathroom is tiny and awkward to access near stairs.. The upstairs space is only reachable by stairs.

I'm not very familiar with the accessibility there

3rd floor is not accessible

lots of steps and small aisles

Trying to change a diaper in the Carnegie bathroom is a hilarious endeavor. Trying to fit an adult and multiple children in the bathroom id equally comical.

I'm just not familiar with accessibility needs.

Stacks are not even remotely accessible and there is no accessible bathroom.

One person could pull in to the back door, but doesn't serve most people with limited mobility.

There's a ramp, but it's a very old beautiful building that is hard to make ADA compliant.

Many steps to heavy, hard to open front doors.

Access to the upstairs room?

Unfortunately the town fathers did not taken into account a future need to expand when the built the lovely Carnegie library of Montague.

Making disabled folks enter the library through the confusing back entrance and from an area where there is no accessible parking is terrible. And the book aisles are too narrow for wheelchairs.

No comments

It's a cool old building, but from a time before accessibility was a concern. Navigating with a wheel chair seems impossible.

the stairs are a little iffy and the bathroom more so

the bathrooms.....

handicap parking too limited. parking too limited, no elevator or lift...

driveway to handicapped entrance is difficult/dangerous, especially in winter

The door sticking has been my only issue, but I have no mobility constraints

stairs, door heavy, narrow entrance. hard to get to sidewalk from parking

-narrow passways in stacks, -sticking, heavy front door, -small children's room and computer area, -difficult to get to top floor

the library does not appear to be very accessible, but I have not looked at ways to enter and get around the library from an accessibility point of view

Seems like a lot of tight corners for someone w/a walker or wheelchair, but I wouldn't know. And there's no accessible restroom, right?

Unsure about accessibility. Ramp on back but crowded aisles

it's a tiny old building! It's not the building's fault-but it ain't built to be easy to get around in

Stairs are an obstacle going in AND up to second floor.

Front door(s) stick at times

Parking can be difficult

I have not gone to the Carnegie because I can't figure out where to park! Across the street @ Food City? Just not easily accessible by car. And the walk up to the building doesn't look great.

re: Carnegie Library. It's not in my village. Would rarely drive there if it was the only choice. Have no interest in another library

It's dangerous for a stable person to enter the front door, from the weight of the door to its logistical location/design. it's an "accident waiting to happen."

No matter whether this building continues as a library or is re-purposed, an elevator is obviously necessary to get any use out of the upper floor. So that expense will be incurred one way or the other, regardless.

for those who aren't disabled

Sadly, this beautiful, well designed building was not designed for accessibility. Even as an able-bodied person, I find the outside and indoor steps difficult--they are not the height or width of tread I expect and in the winter if the outdoor steps get at all icy it is very dangerous :(

I can access it fine, but I imagine a wheelchair user would have difficulty with the stairs and heavy doors that stick, and the narrow walkways.

I can get in it and around inside OK, but I can imagine if I had mobility issues and needed to use equipment, the space feels small and cramped. And is there a more easily accessible bathroom?

I feel unsafe getting in and out of my car parked on 7th Street in order to use the ramp. (I cannot easily use the stairs.) Cars go by me too close and too fast. (I am 70 years old.)

Terrible! The front steps are difficult for me because I have arthritis in my knees.

walk from HP parking to the library via the ramp is too long a walk for me.

Yes it is physically inaccessible to those with walking challenges, but its location in the extreme edge of Turners also makes it inaccessible to users on the hill or towards the other villages.

lots of steps up from the road

Door was too heavy but they fixed that.

parking, strollers

It seems accessibl, but I do not have to navigate a disability myself

I wish I knew more! My issues, so far, do not require a wheelchair nor an elevator.

Front steps are "steep" -- and I don't have accessibility needs so can't speak to wheelchair access/experience.

... but it is a wonderful old building. The ramp at the back is nice, but then the interior navigation is tough. Is there any wheelchair access to the basement, eg, for book sales?

Parking is limited.

wrote in "fair" as option above. UPS trucks block the driveway / book sale and basement are not accessible / route for disabled to ramp from handicapped parking not accessible or frequently blocked / upstairs function room is not accessible

I believe there is an accessibility entrance to the Carnegie though I've never used it myself. But it's unclear from the street that there is a different entrance without stairs.

(answer appeared elsewhere but relevant here): I am disabled and the overall access is too difficult and contentious. Aisles too narrow etc.

Stairs to front entrance can be daunting to climb / upstairs and downstairs (book sales) are not accessible

it is adequate, but I am an able bodied person

They are very friendly and accessible and help when needed

too many steep steps to front entrance; if you use the driveway in back to access the ramp, you have to back out onto a very busy street; no glass in heavy front door can cause the person entering to be struck; all doors heavy

Front entry stairs are too many and too steep for disabled, injured and the elderly. The back (ramp) entrance feels like the 'service' entrance. It gets you in the door but you still have to navigate the stacks in your mobility device. Awful!!

More space to move around

very inconvenient for senior citizens and parents with young children

ramp in back right?!

I have not had to use the ramp, but it's unfortunate that it's out back. Then again, it's by the accessible parking so that makes sense. The front steps are steep though, + the door opening is awkward (as someone who is usually holding a lot of books when I open the door, + usually w/a toddler in tow)

Too far from other Montague towns to be "adequately accessible."

Can't access upper floor if one is handicapped + isles behind desk are narrow -- couldn't reach bottom or upper shelf if in a wheelchair.

I've never seen a person using a walker or w.c. in the library -- crowded, narrow, hard to access entrance, restricted to the 1st floor, many shelves out of reach.

Ramp in back was very helpful when my son was in a stroller; love the outdoor tented space for story time.

The setting is gracious and commanding, but not inviting.

- Handicapped access seems limited. / - Limited parking. / - Small, crowded facility.

It is near the bike path, the post office...

Parking issues, don't like parking on the street

Difficult stairs impossible for wheelchairs and difficult for handicapped

New hours are great. I would make sure schools are aware of new hours to let students know.

Those front steps can be intimidating if you are carrying a lot.

In a good location for me. There have been times that my schedule doesn't align with hours but it hasn't been a big issue.

Not a problem for me>

Need ramps especially for elders and the people with disabilities. The front side of the library has a high stairs. The door is really tough to open because it swells. It gets too tight and heavy.

I am disabled and there is a ramp, but it's quite hard to use. I prefer to do most online because of this

No parking for handicapped people; only street parking

steep steps, heavy door

for me-not perhaps for others

Accessible for me. Probably not accessible enough for compliance with ADA. I would think federal funding would be a challenge! I like that for patrons it is essentially a single floor building.

front door hard to open

n/a

I have full mobility but see the obvious need for a ramp

Front steps are an obstacle to wheelchairs and also anyone with mobility issues

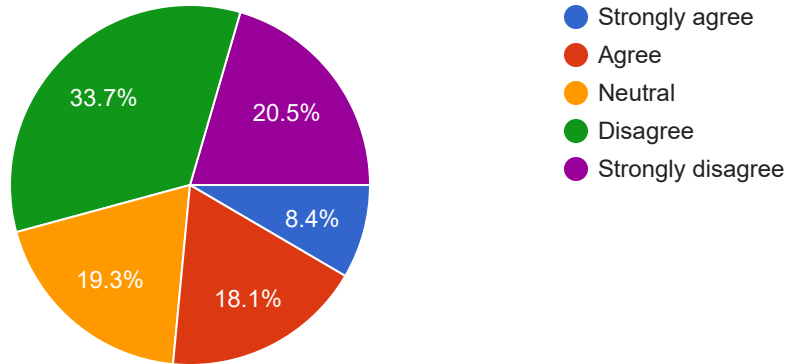
stairs, heavy doors, tight spaces

10 more responses are hidden

I find the size of the Carnegie Library, its rooms, and shelf space to be sufficient to serve my needs.



166 responses



Comments about size:

("I find the size of the Carnegie Library, its rooms, and shelf space to be sufficient to serve my needs")

106 responses

NA

we need study space, reading space, computer space, meeting space, teen space, activity space, kid space, shelf space, staff space, outer space

The space is very limited, which prevents the library from being useful for much other than the designated uses of each space

It's tight in the library.

The Children's Area is open to the computer area where patrons may need quiet space

The spaces are all cramped and it feels very much like a "make do" situation within the space.

The book shelves are very close together, narrow walking space between rows

The size of Carnegie is perfect! Great for the need of this community. Beautiful and historic! It would be a shame to move it or Abandon it

Where are all the books? The Children's room seems inviting , but not a lot of space to sit and read with a child. And the adult spaces are sparse.

Small, cramped

Desperate need for more seating and reading space.

The usable public space is tiny compared to the size of the building. What there is is jammed into a small area on the main floor.

Stacks are tight. More computers and separate conference or workroom could be helpful for those who rely on the library for internet and technology.

same -- not much experience

Seems very small

montague's flagship library should be a lot bigger!

The larger library might be nice, to increase the size of the collection, and have more community space. However, I think it's important to balance. His needs with the needs to continue to use this historic building in some capacity, or another. If building a new library, and no longer using the Carnegie library means that the Carnegie building is at risk, I don't support that.

It has a decent amount of content in the small space. The upstairs has a lot of space and could be better utilized.

Need more kids space!

the adult stacks and computer area both feel cramped

The upstairs meeting room in not accessible and not climate controled. A group of genealogists met in the history room, but that room was repurposed for staff.

Interlibrary loans are key

There is not enough space. It would be nice to have an addition to the building, but I hate to see green space get paved or built over.

More shelf space!

I find the usable area equivalent to a large bathroom

More space for nore books and sections would be amazing

We can always use more room

Far too small

Obviously the Carnegie doesn't have enough room for people to sit and read. I think the Carnegie has sufficient room for books but the librarians don't know how important it is to create a few cozy reading spaces. I know, I know, it's a dilemma but I do think the computers could be annexed over to Millers and the Center, leaving space for a few comfy chairs at the Carnegie. The 3 libraries try to be a complete library in their own right but it is an interesting idea to disperse the computers which would increase the usage of each village library and give the Carnegie room to breathe.

No comments

It is so

It would be nice to have a separate childrens room

It feels very cramped, with little room to sit and stay.

I might use the Carnegie more if there were more space to sit and read or write, big tables and great lighting.

it's fine if not many users are there. otherwise, too cramped for staff and patrons

especially with addition of games, tools, puzzles, etc

Too small, too open air-no private space

I would love to see a larger area with tables and desks for working - or small tables/desk tucked into corners. And more books is always better

not enough space, hard to move around, need kids space

aisles are too narrow

the library has a very cramped feel about it, especially the children's area

there have been times when the computer room can feel cramped

Size doesn't matter-it's how you use it, but seriously there's not enough shelf space or people space

The space is tightly packed, limiting accessibility and there not enough room for the desired materials.

haven't been inside

There could be more books-maybe use the basement?

Claustrophobic. Uninviting "closeness" to person and product (books, movies, etc)

A larger reading room would be nice.

It's sufficient for my needs, but it's tight. And I can see that it can't stock all the books I would be interested in because it is stocking books for people with diverse interests! For example, I enjoy biography/memoir, an which that section were bigger.

There needs to be more sitting areas and desk space.

Cramped space

It would be wonderful if the library was a lot larger and could fit more items and people in it.

It is hard for me to read the DVDs either too high or too low.

Too small and cramped.

It could have more sitting space

would like more shelves of current titles to choose from.

Size is fine. Layout, accessibility, are not.

beautiful little building, but definitely cramped!

could be bigger

It's kinda small

miss reading room

It seems too small to accommodate space for small children to crawl around

I've noticed that for a flagship library in a town, it's pretty crowded. I'm sure the librarians would effectively use 3x the space -- if they had it. (Just look at Greenfield!)

Things are tight. More space would allow for more of a collection and more room for browsing/usage.

The staff cooperation and coordination with inter-library loans meet my needs well.

wheelchair space limited

The library does feel small and compact

I would be nice to have a dedicated reading room away from the computer hubs and sufficiently far enough removed from the childrens' room.

could be bigger to hold more items

space is so cramped, books are stored on window sills and in shelving very close to interior doors; extremely limited restroom facilities

Everything feels crowded

I wish it was bigger

I'd love more private work space

Size isn't everything! It might matter more for others, especially staff. I mostly use the children's section, and it feels cramped but useable.

very difficult to access most areas. rooms so close together that noise carries throughout. no quiet area.

* works for me because I order things from CWMARS.

Carnegie is too small, badly configured, and hard to access and use.

Seems inadequate for the level of use by Montague residents. It feels cramped & congested the few times I've visited.

Since we, the town, are with the . / I have always been able to get whatever I've wanted to read or watch on DVD. [first sentence left incomplete. maybe meant CWMARS??]

It's hardly more than a single space. Everything is bunched together.

Could be a little bigger

One main room with people talking, using phones and lots of noise! What happened to a quiet library for studying reading etc?

The library meets my needs but I have my own computer and internet. Many might need more space for working and doing research. And accessibility of computers and internet

Inter library loans!

Larger; more books

Its cozy, can be crowded. I'm sure they could do with more space.

I enjoy the small town feel.

Needs more space. Not enough privacy and with pandemic and flu season it is tight.

You can barely maneuver if 2 people are in the same aisle

Limited space limits collection. No space for community events.

Again, for me. Insufficient for younger age groups

should have larger aisle space

A larger computer area w/isolation dividers would aid security

I usually use CW/MARS to order books. I find the library difficult to navigate. I also wish there was a comfortable space to come to read or study, I would likely use that often

see first page

We need more space for study/reading/materials and events

It should be bigger

I wish there was a wider selection of cookbooks and more space for children to play in the kids area

it feels that the needs of the community have outgrown the space. the greenfield library is a great example of how additional space can be utilized to serve modern community needs.

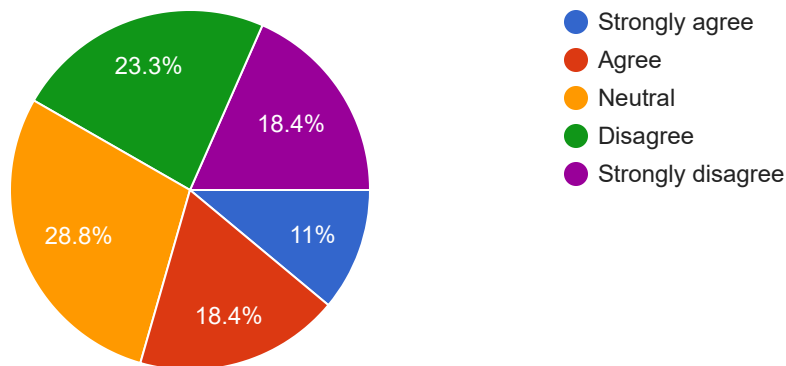
I don't spend time in the library but rather put a book on hold online and stop by to pick it up.

4 more responses are hidden

I find the parking at the Carnegie Library to be adequate and safe.



163 responses



Comments about parking:

("I find the parking at the Carnegie Library to be adequate and safe")

95 responses

NA

it's either at the bottom of a long set of stairs or on a steep slope with no easy path to the door, challenging for anyone who walks slowly or unsteadily (but isn't handicapped) or has a stroller, etc...

Having only street parking available is very limiting, and creates a barrier to people coming to use the space.

Typically park on the road but at times there aren't spaces close by.

Hard for some people; older or with small children.

More onsite parking is needed for people with disabilities

I have always been able to park in front of the library even during an outside children's event.

Road parking is never s safe option, especially with a turn lane as close to the steps and the after hours book return receptacle

Parking is good. Never an issue for our family who drives there

tricky in winter to navigate the banken if you're parking on avenue A

Where is the parking lot?

On street parking is adequate.

There's parking?

There are usually parking spots on the street, but if you park on Avenue A across from the library the crossing can be perilous.

Tricky to get from front parking to stairs up. Backing out of driveway near ramp is dicey with cars whizzing by, especially when cars are parked on the side street and visibility is further compromised.

same

safe but inadequate

i only ever walk, bike, or take the bus to the library

Turners Falls should be working towards making the town center a car, free zone, or shuttles, bikes, and walking is the preferred means of transportation.

It is terrifying to back up into traffic at the light and to get kids into a car. I used the millers library when the kids were littler because the alley parking feels safer.

Would be nice to have a Lot.

I can walk up the steps so I have no issue with the parking, but for anyone with limited mobility or a stroller it is pretty challenging

Too many stairs for anyone with mobility issues.

Typically, there aren't too many people at the library at once, so parking out front is feasible. During events, I don't mind parking across the street.

Parking in front is limited and you have to cross traffic, and the side holdtwo or three cars. If you live in town it is easy to walk to

I hate parking on the street at Carnegie, especially when I have kids with me. I would prefer off street parking.

I can always find parking

I don't have a problem with it but I consider walking up the stairs to be a form of exercise. There should be parking at a ground level exit.

No comments

a parking lot would be safer than crossing the road when parking across the street

Old building built before cars, but street parking or the lot across the road hamper accessibility.

It's OK for me, but if I had little kids I'd complain.

see above

stairs at front entrance make front parking inaccessible for some seniors-side street parking is downright dangerous

For someone coming from downtown it's difficult to get into the slanted spots on the main road and it's a big road to cross if you park at the Walgreens/thrift store lot

better with dedicated lot, hill is steep, hard to access when driving west

for me, street parking is okay, but for others with kids or mobility issues the parking can be problematic

terrible!

I've had to park across the street

I tend to walk over from the Food City parking lot

Lack of space on 7th St. makes Ave A parking essential and it insufficient and often requires crossing Ave A, a busy street.

I'm dropped off on a seldom basis---I don't drive

Where is parking? On the hill? Can't park on the busy street. I drive by and can't see any.

If I considered both entrances in my answer, I would have responded "strongly disagree." I prefer using the back entrance tho it is too/so cumbersome to use, with insufficient space. Front entrance is ridiculously use un-friendly

I have no problem parking on the street, at least for now. Also, I usually walk.

It would be nice to have a real library parking lot. I generally prefer to park in the Aubuchon lot and cross the street at the cross walk to avoid having to do on-stree parallel parking.

I don't commute by car, N/A

I don't really like parking on the street, though the spots are pretty easy to get into and out of safely

Please see comments at #6

Parking on the street is dangerous.

I don't have a car

Poor parking.

pretty horrible

When I first went there and parked in front, when it was time to back out and drive away, some other car almost hit me speeding up to the intersection. Now I park across the street in the lot.

no parking (but on the street)

Could use more parking.

It's a small town, street parking works.

I walk there for the most part. Street parking involves again some steep steps... I'm old, getting older, so that's potentially intimidating.

and (the parking) is no cost! Hurrah!

additional choice "poor" written in above / handicapped parking is difficult / front stairs and front parking is difficult for children's safety

I don't use the parking lot

carbon footprint issues

I don't drive I walk to the library

usually extremely difficult to exit spaces in front due to Avenue A traffic; to exit driveway behind the building, you have to back into usually heavy traffic on 7th Street

I usually walk to the library. When I drive I find the cars parked on 7th St create a hazard.

The streetside parking feels not great! Exiting the car with a toddler when traffic is so close...also backing up into traffic.. doesn't feel safe.

parking is only on street

The parking is extremely limited to street parking with a walk to the door.

On-street is not adequate (Ave A) or erratic (7th St)

Building is located on a busy corner. Parking on Seventh Street can be a challenge because it is a hill & has few spaces near the building. Parking on Avenue A is difficult at times due to the traffic.

I've always found parking close to the library.

There are city street parking spots that are free.

Not safe (on street)

two little spots that require backing out onto a very busy street? Dangerous!What parking?

Very limited. New handicapped space is very good and paving of driveway made walking to ramp safer.

I get nervous parking on the street. People often paralel park with the curb when spots are diagonal facing the curb.

It's in a busy road near the traffic light.

it's terrible. I park in back and hold my breath trying to get out safely

parking is only convenient driving towards Ave A

Plenty across the street. Space used for drop box now "no parking" sign??

I live near enough to walk to the library. When I do park on the street, it is uncomfortable and awkward backing in to traffic

parking is inadequate. You have to be alert to Avenue A traffic

duh!

awkward, not clear to a first-time visitor

I can easily walk to the library, but the parking in front seems fine

easy

I usually park in the shopping lot - which I assume is OK?

Non!

Walk up stairs on Ave A is difficult for everyone. Handicapped area was much needed.

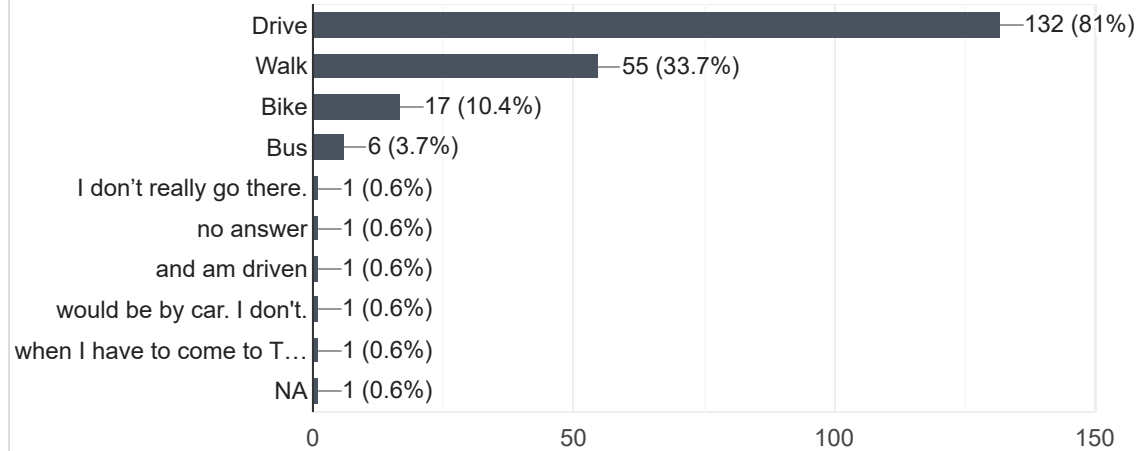
hard to park

How do you get to the Carnegie Library?



(Check all that apply)

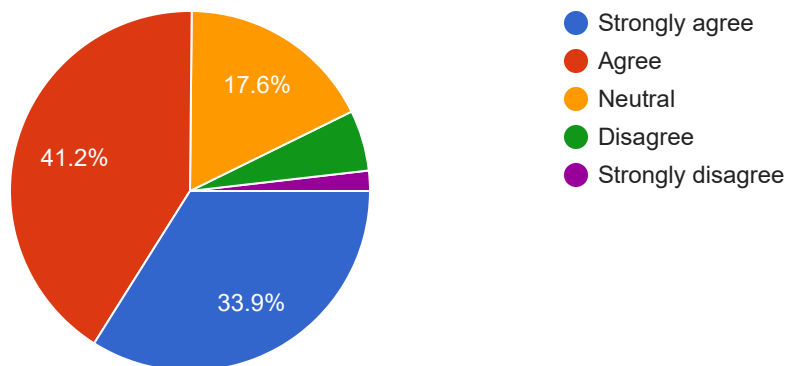
163 responses



I consider the Carnegie Library to be a safe space indoors and out.



165 responses

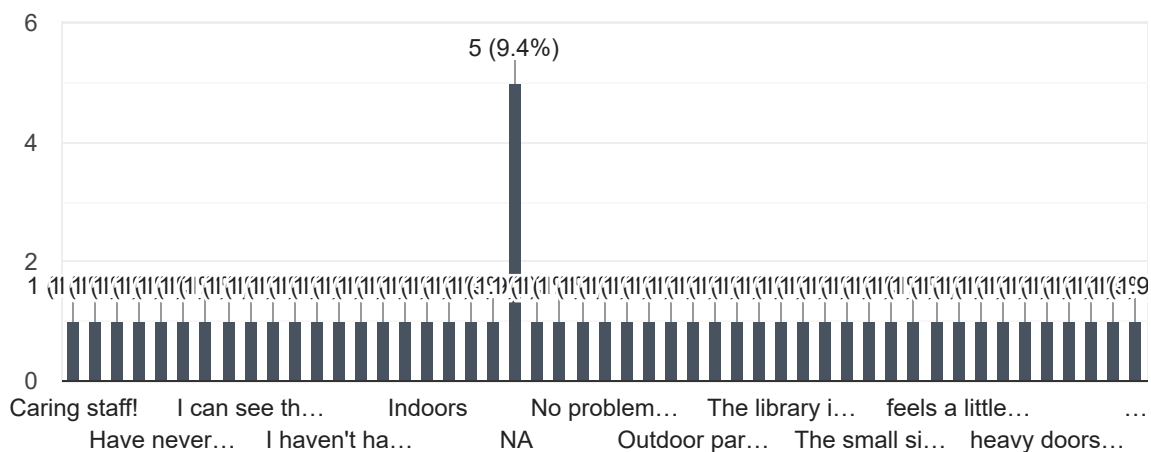


Comments about safety:



("I consider the Carnegie Library to be a safe space indoors and out")

53 responses

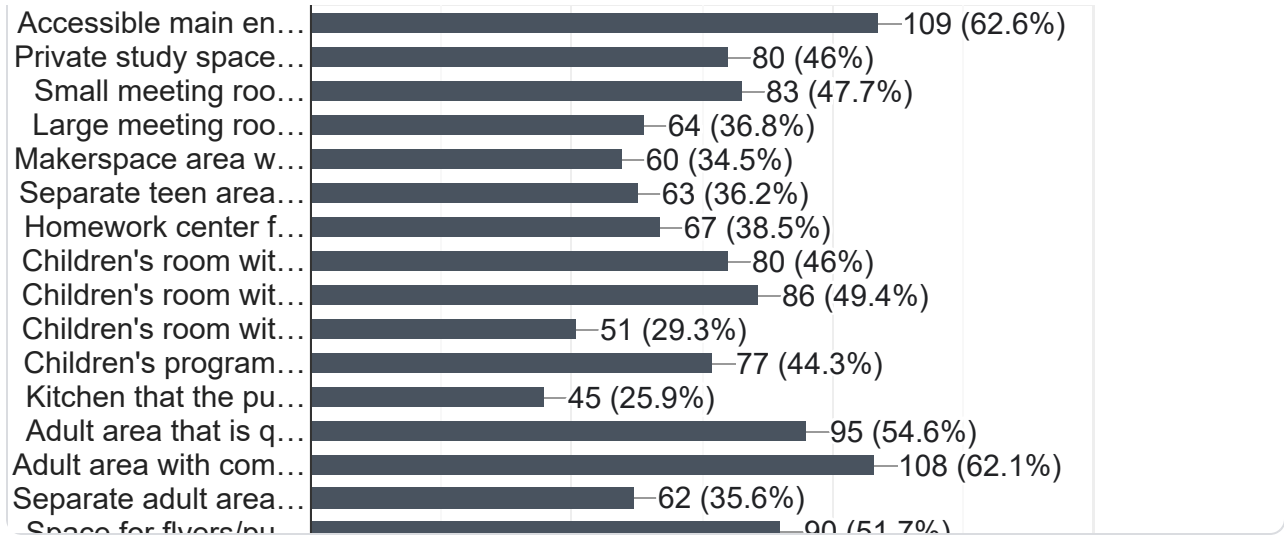


Features that I would like to see at the Carnegie Library include...



(Check all that apply)

174 responses

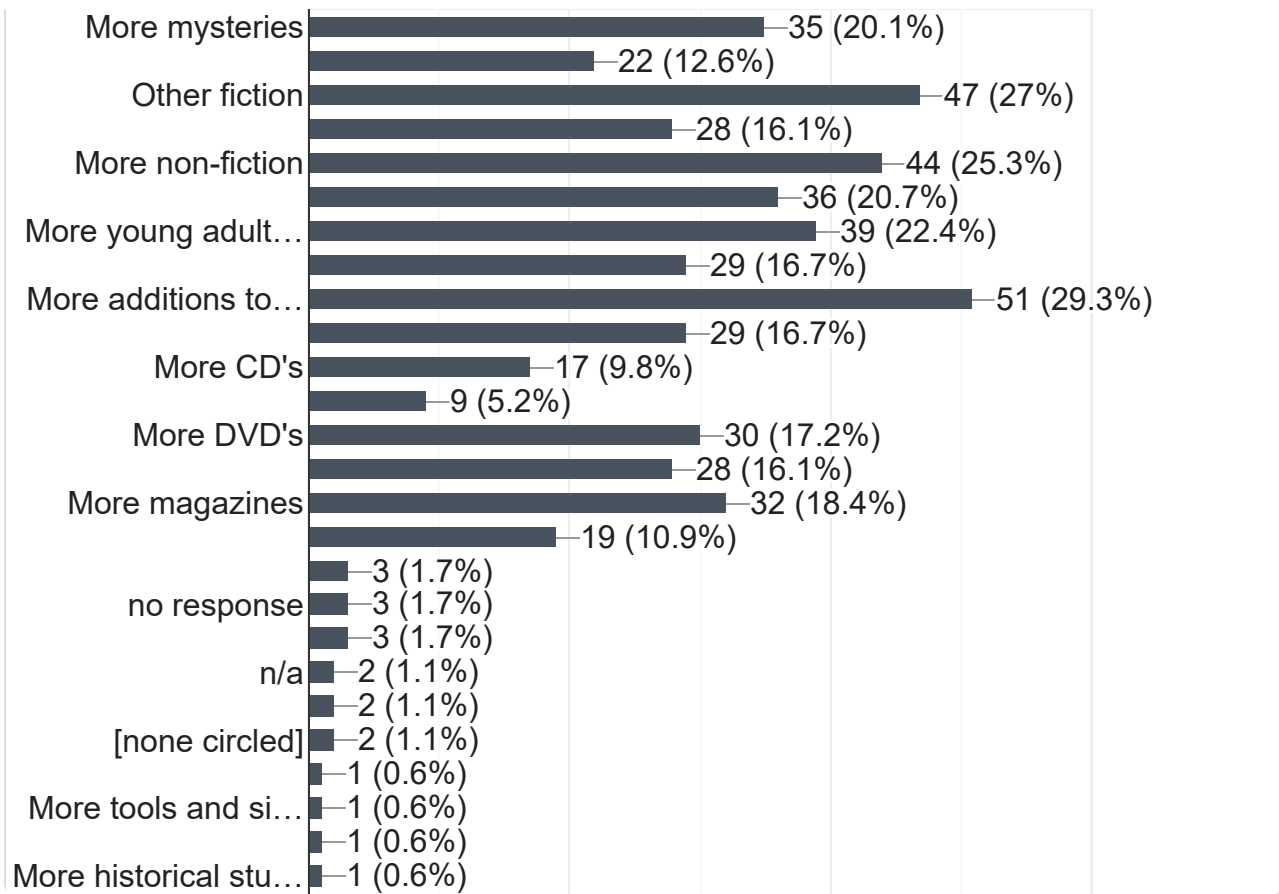


Materials I would like to see more of at the Carnegie Library include...



(Check all that apply)

174 responses



If I could change one thing about the Carnegie Library building, it would be:

128 responses

Accessibility

Accessibility

The building. I would change the building (and put the new, larger, accessible, community-pleasing building in a different location).

More space to be more of a town center. The existing space is well used, but it would be nice to have public space in town for groups to use.

Space to gather for the community for events and meetings.

keep copier in a private place +site some computers with dividers

More space

More space, bigger rooms. More shelf space!

The parking!

The accesibility from all entrances and to all indoor spaces

the size. We need more space to separate the areas.

Not much! I love how it is and where it is located. It's beautiful and accessible! I would say more children's programming. That's the best part!

add more space (to solve handicap accessibility issue, need for a community room, etc)

More open space, rooms for meeting

Quadruple its main floor footprint

Move main branch to Montague Center

Larger rooms with quiet spaces.

Enlarged space or at least an elevator so that the space we have could be better utilized.

turn it into a museum

move it to the corner of avenue a and 2nd street on the site of the cumberland farms

Larger collection

The bathroom

I want all the greatest things but also to save the beautiful Carnegie architecture

Everything

more adjacent space to allow for improvements

That site is tough to work with. Move it to the Cumby's site across from Town Hall.

I love the library as is, and would love to see the town utilize other free spaces for more of the above wished inclusions. Let's use resources wisely, share, think outside the box as we build our community.

The space availability

more books

More natural lighting

Make it bigger for more quests!

A light weight front door, with a window

Larger

New modern building, similar to Greenfield's new libradry

(1) Access to the upstairs and I will staff it and protect it; (2) comfy chairs; (3) take the house above it by eminent domain and create ground level parking and access. (I'm kidding about eminent domain).

They need more room!

No comments

larger and more separate rooms

Add more space

Don't have an opinion because I don't go there often.

a quiet space for adults and children separately

if it appears that the Carnegie list has items that would be better incorporated into a senior center, I would vociferously oppose it. I would enthusiastically support a combined facility

add cubicles and study carrels

Not a thing--I love the Carnegie just the way it is

more private/quiet areas to sit/work

more space for community gathering/events/activities

the old building is lovely, but it is just too small

more space for sitting/working/reading

As an elder in the town of Montague and an avid reader, I choose to only use my local Montague Center Library. The only time I go to Carnegie Library is to donate books to the Book Sale. I recently visited the new Greenfield Public Library and found it so beautiful, airy, and light, and full of welcoming opportunities for use. I know there was a great deal of controversy about building a new library (in Greenfield) and the design of it, but once I went inside, I am so glad the positive forces won and the town has an amazing, modern library to be proud of for generations. As far as the plan for the Carnegie Library are concerned, I think a great deal of outreach to the public (including this survey) needs to be done to see what is feasible given the economic climate. -Eileen Mariani, town meeting member, precinct 1

I <3 you all, but the Montague Center Library is my place, so the Carnegie is most important for those neighbors and people without cars

More space – ahead even of accessibility improvementd.

it's size!?

I know it is not possible, but accessible parking for cars

more open hours

Hey folks, not much about Montague Center Library, is there?

SIZE

Better accessibility

the entryway--wish it didn't have the weird stars and heavy doors. the bathroom--wish for a more pleasant room :)

The lack of study space that's quiet.

Size and layout of the building! If this [private study space and small meeting rooms] were available, I would use the library to work remotely, rather than going to a cafe!

glasses of many strengths on hand for those of us who forget to bring our glasses!

For building to be on a flat area for easy walking from parking lot

Forget about changing one thing. We need a new, modern, spacious building with a decent parking lot. Visit the Wallingford, CT public library and you'll see what I mean

More space to sit and read

Accessibility and more inside space.

put it with the schools or other town buildings in the center of the community., and the Sunderland Library is a perfect architectural model

more programming with visiting authors.

Bigger

free books/children's activities outside; children, adults, old books. Community support!

A little kid space

New Building by Discovery Center!

Wider passageways, easier steps, much larger windows (or more of them?) = make more airy, with more natural light.

maintain its charm, maintain the high quality staffing, reflect the changing needs of the community

Larger Rooms and Spaces for All Ages

The current library more than suits all of my needs.

easy changes to make currently: book sale under tent / art displays by community on walls / have children-and-seniors-together reading hour and arts programs /// eventual changes under ADA transition plan: library accommodations and ADA [word unclear], ie, book sale, art display /// NOTE: I request to be part of the committee: ADA advocate Betty Tegel, I have helped Steve in the past

SIZE (see also above comment on a new library being the necessary solution)

that everything was on one floor // I just want to go on record that I feel strongly that we need a NEW building. The Carnegie is a beautiful, historic building that could be repurposed. The staff and patrons deserve a new, 21st century facility. That doesn't mean it should be as large as the new Gfld building , but it does need to accommodate the needs of the population it serves. The staff should have a safe, clean space to work in. The residents of the town of Montague deserve to have a fully accessible, bright place.

allowing access to the loft. Has anyone catalogued all the ephemera up there?

More bathrooms

nothing

fully accessible

Allow Carnegie to be repurposed. I think Montague needs a new up-to-date library building in Turners Falls.

Bigger with more public space

Enlarge it by 5 times and it probably still would not be big enough. This enlargement question has been going on since the 1920s.

It works well for me and my granddaughter -she uses all the local libraries and Libby as she is an avid reader. Would be so much simpler to leave it here at Carnegie!

A second dro-off /return box at the end of the driveway to the back entrance

Montague Center building: instead of a change, I recommend a keep: Kate Martineau.

separation of areas for children, teens, adults

bigger, longer hours

Expand physical space.

bigger (but I also love the feel and location of the current building so please don't move)

More space, and some separation of areas: not for segregation but for less overlap.

Relocate the library to a modern building with ample parking & easy access for all users.

As a real estate tax payer, the last thing I want is for the town to spend money on a want, not a need. I, and many other home owners, are struggling to make ends meet & going without, some with food. Please do not put a financial burden on me. I am not rich.

Reduce the crowding of things.

all of the above, but mostly the parking issues

The noise. I stopped going years ago for that reason everyone crammed together it was difficult to concentrate. Are you sure you are going to build a library and not a loud community center

Accessibility of whole building

I have always found every book I need but since you changed companies? ... I find nothing at all.

25 more responses are hidden

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