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Q807: What is the first thing you think of when you think of a library?

Note: All verbatim comments are presented as entered by survey respondents, including spelling, grammatical and punctuation errors.

Q807: What is the first thing you think of when you think of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Lots of books to have to sort through to find what you want & lots of reading	17	Australia	High school
fees/ overdue books	17	Australia	High school
Work. Work and more work	18	Australia	College undergraduate
Books, and HOW you are going to find the one book you are after!	18	Australia	College undergraduate
Difficulties finding physical books using the Dewey Decimal system	19	Australia	College undergraduate
having to search throuh many books to find relevant information	19	Australia	College undergraduate
I LIKE READING BOOKS. HOWEVER IN SAYING THIS I WOULD RATHER SOMETHING IN MY HANDS THAN ON A COUMPUTER.	22	Australia	
Internet	22	Australia	
Time	25	Australia	
labourious	25	Australia	
Lovely, lovely books! The complete package!	26	Australia	College undergraduate
access to good information and resources	29	Australia	College undergraduate
Free information	30	Australia	
boring	30	Australia	
good references	31	Australia	
out of date books	32	Australia	
not quick enough	32	Australia	
The need to visit the library	32	Australia	
Well, I had a bad experiece with a librarian, so I have issues there.... but aside from that, I think of knowledge being made available to everyone.	33	Australia	
great range of books	33	Australia	
Range of books	33	Australia	
books and a woman in glasses	34	Australia	
free resources	38	Australia	
Access to information for study and leisure.	38	Australia	College post graduate
Books, beautiful books, wonderful books, books, books, books, books	38	Australia	
books, looking looking	39	Australia	
brick & mortar	39	Australia	
Any information, general reading, research, basic knowledge is available to you.	40	Australia	
range of choice	41	Australia	
A variety of information sources - eg books, journals, data bases.	42	Australia	
the amount of books to be lent out, also the information the librian can assist people with	44	Australia	
That I should register again at the library	44	Australia	
Quietness	46	Australia	
beautiful olf building fillde with books and a great 'book' smell	46	Australia	
Borrow the books, useing internet	46	Australia	
endless supply of books.....mmmm,boooks...	47	Australia	

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The catalogue.	47	Australia	
The joy of books(reading)	47	Australia	
rules	47	Australia	
I am a card holder but the local library doaes not cover many of my interests and the non foction books are 15 yrs old	48	Australia	
books	49	Australia	
EDUCATION	49	Australia	College post graduate
Having to look through rows of indexes & books.	50	Australia	
Hours of operation and hard to find books	50	Australia	
quiet place to read and have a coffee	51	Australia	
New books	51	Australia	
mouldy, old, out of date books	51	Australia	
research materials, newspaper and magazine back copies.	51	Australia	
Outdated reference material	52	Australia	
Peace and quiet, a time to browse	53	Australia	
Driving to the library	53	Australia	
cheap and useful information	54	Australia	
any information	54	Australia	
Good access, good selection	54	Australia	
A place to get a book or source information	55	Australia	
books	55	Australia	
DVD's	55	Australia	
Inconvenient to get to.	56	Australia	
The knowledge of the librarian, and the availability of services.	56	Australia	
Sitting for hours looking for an answer, as my time is limited.	57	Australia	
FREE	57	Australia	
wonderful array of dreams, imagination, gacts, fiction and fun	57	Australia	
At the moment music CDs.	57	Australia	
Using a computer when I am away from home Borrowing books when I am at home	58	Australia	
Quiet Please!	59	Australia	
getting information that i have not be able to find elsewhere	60	Australia	
can it give me the info i need quickly	60	Australia	
stacks of musty books	62	Australia	
Borrowing music CDs and cassettes.	63	Australia	
a place where I can find information and get a credible good advise	64	Australia	
It used to be a major source of information for me , prior to the internet.	64	Australia	
Answers.	65	Australia	
Not useful tome as long as I can access the Internet	70	Australia	
I think of all the books and the computers in the library.	15	Canada	High school
The coffee shop attatched to it.	16	Canada	High school
books	17	Canada	High school
I despise searching the library for books and other sources. It takes a long time and rarely can you find sources needed. This difficult process is the first thing I think of when I think of using the library.	18	Canada	High school
Fiction	20	Canada	College undergraduate
research and studying	20	Canada	College undergraduate
Reference material.	20	Canada	College undergraduate
Study	20	Canada	
books	20	Canada	College post graduate
resourses relaxation	20	Canada	

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Q807: What is the first thing you think of when you think of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Uncomfortable chairs	21	Canada	College undergraduate
books	21	Canada	College undergraduate
quiet, boring, The Library we have here doesn't even have a wide variety of books and never had, so i kind of gave up on libraries a long time ago	21	Canada	
books and research	22	Canada	College undergraduate
have not time to go	23	Canada	
A great location for finding information from thousands of books. The libraian is there to assist us in locating the information we are seeking.	23	Canada	
BOOKS - but I like books!	25	Canada	
old books	26	Canada	
quiet and relaxing	26	Canada	
bad hours	27	Canada	
Rows and rows of books.	28	Canada	
books	28	Canada	
borrowing books	28	Canada	College undergraduate
Books (I adore them) and then their website (access to journals etc) without going to the library.	29	Canada	College undergraduate
books	30	Canada	
Free book loans	31	Canada	
Books and Videos	31	Canada	
Free, easy access to knowledge.	32	Canada	
get books for my daughter to read only	32	Canada	
where to start	32	Canada	
Rows and rows of books	32	Canada	
I think of a place (building) where there are many books and references sources available to use.	32	Canada	
the books i want are always out, that's why i buy from chapters.	32	Canada	
Archival documents ie) periodicals	32	Canada	
Big building with books, often older books.	32	Canada	
doing an online search and request for material from the comfort of my home	33	Canada	
books	33	Canada	
wasting fuel[the drive]	34	Canada	
Deafening silence	35	Canada	
Free access to books.	35	Canada	
Books for reading pleasure and archives/information about the surrounding region.	35	Canada	
Hub of data - whether it's in electronic or print format, the library should have what I need.	35	Canada	
free info or books	35	Canada	
borrowing books	36	Canada	
Literature, books I like to read	37	Canada	
very helpful,friendly, knowledgeable, resourceful,easy to use, always available, free	37	Canada	
Books, boring, shhhh.	37	Canada	
books, cds, movies	37	Canada	
Not open when needed. (rural)	37	Canada	
Books, and lots of them!	38	Canada	
happy i love the library and go there weekly.	38	Canada	
I can borrow what I can't afford	39	Canada	
Out of date information	40	Canada	
information	40	Canada	

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books	40	Canada	
Finding books of interest to my reading preferences(Biographies,war history,and automotive)	40	Canada	
A facility that is mostly concerned with books.	42	Canada	
I seldom have to buy books anymore - almost anything I want is at the Library! Being able to reserve books online is the greatest!!	42	Canada	
being quiet	42	Canada	
checking out books	43	Canada	
busy place!	43	Canada	
returning books. I always buy books.	44	Canada	
historical hardcopy information storage	44	Canada	
a building with endless information and entertainment	44	Canada	
out dated information (I live in a small rural community)	44	Canada	
resources that are available in book form	45	Canada	
having to loan a book and making sure its back when it is supposed to be	45	Canada	
Librarians.	45	Canada	
don,t need it now	45	Canada	
help to search	45	Canada	
reference books	45	Canada	
Be prepared to search for your info.	45	Canada	
information	45	Canada	
Love Libraries, used to almost live there and have read hundreds of books but just don't have the time anymore	45	Canada	
Books on shelves	45	Canada	
recreational reading	46	Canada	
I love the smell of books in the library. I also know that the people who work there know their job and I have always found them to be more than willing to assist when I have questions.	46	Canada	
having to get the book back on time	46	Canada	
Getting the books I wish to read	46	Canada	
information	46	Canada	
out of date reading material.	47	Canada	
Will they have the book I am looking for?	47	Canada	
A place to borrow books, music, magazines etc., without running the risk of buying and then not liking them.	48	Canada	
Books of interest for offline use	48	Canada	
the use of bbooks for 'free'	48	Canada	
Electronic journals	48	Canada	
BOOKs lots of books a place to escape to for quiet	48	Canada	
Best selling books	49	Canada	
adventure	49	Canada	
Passwords to get into the site. Hard to find items	49	Canada	
Clumsy	49	Canada	
find the web site	50	Canada	
books	50	Canada	
Books and info	50	Canada	
OLD paper archive, out of date.	50	Canada	
To be frank, boring.	50	Canada	
a building where you do research, read books or borrow books	51	Canada	
Lots of book not necessarily recent	51	Canada	
Old fashion.	52	Canada	
have lots of time to look.	53	Canada	
Limited hours, deadlines to return books	53	Canada	
The books I am looking to pick up to read are often not there	53	Canada	
a place where you find answers to your questions	53	Canada	

Q807: What is the first thing you think of when you think of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
the smell of books, the excitement in discovering a good book, anything that I want to read	53	Canada	
Reference location	54	Canada	
everything on knowledge	54	Canada	
Unlimited information	54	Canada	
computers	54	Canada	
source of a variety of printed material for pleasure and information	55	Canada	
genealogy	55	Canada	
time	55	Canada	
information	55	Canada	
Books, though I know they have other media available	55	Canada	
Learning	56	Canada	College undergraduate
so many wonderful books, so little time	57	Canada	College post graduate
comfortable place with decent lighting	57	Canada	
books but i also know they have other services	58	Canada	
beautiful books and lots of them, on any subject you want	58	Canada	
Finding the books I really want to read, but cannot afford to buy.	60	Canada	
Lots of books & the time it would take to go there & search for what I want	60	Canada	
New Books	61	Canada	
Equality. Libraries more than any other institution make the access of information available to anyone who wants it. Libraries run literacy programs, have volunteers teach ESL courses, Give open access joyfully to all the literature, art, and periodicals	61	Canada	
reference material	62	Canada	
rows of books	63	Canada	
pleasant place to be	64	Canada	
Having to search for something in a large data base.	65	Canada	
A DULL PLACE THAT I HAVE TO WALK TO; TO BE FAIR, I DO NOT READ MANY NON-FICTION BOOKS, OR BOOKS FOR THAT MATTER, I SUBSCRIBE TO TECHNICAL MAGAZINES I ENJOY TO KEEP UP WITH TECHNOLOGY, I LOOK UP THE REST OF THE INFORMATION ON COMPUTER AS NEED BE.	66	Canada	
Reference materials	67	Canada	
Borrowing books and videos looking for information	68	Canada	
How much reading material I have to choose from.	68	Canada	
Having a good selection of good reading!	68	Canada	
Too far to visit on a regular basis and would interfere with my time on the computer.	69	Canada	
books	69	Canada	
Computers are available. Also all types of research books and novels	71	Canada	
Local building with books and on-line service available (which I don't use).	75	Canada	
Stories	22	India	
Easy accessibility	24	India	
Knowledge	25	India	
Boring	26	India	
Well the first think that comes to my mind is that a library contains all the valuable information in the form of books,magazines and journals that can be of great use to enlighten oneself more precisely to make oneself more knowledgeable.	27	India	
silence	30	India	

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Membership requirements	31	India	
peace	35	India	
Books!	35	India	College post graduate
colection of books	37	India	
a place where u find lots books, information and referels.	39	India	
i get information from various web holders where i delete which is not warrant and hold which is relevant to my work. i save the entire data which is usable to my work.	39	India	
Books	43	India	
school	44	India	
plenty of books, quiet place to sit and read	48	India	
LIBRARY IS RESOURCE FOR KNOWLEDGE	51	India	
aplace where I can access all the info needed	51	India	
Authentic Info	51	India	
It is tedious to go to library,it is easy to trace the information on internet.	54	India	
a world of books	54	India	
information/ knowledge	54	India	
Can I get the latest books on the subject of my interest	55	India	
index	56	India	
no comment	58	India	
books and magazines	61	India	
A great collection of books.	62	India	
Service and wide source of information	66	India	
Catalog/index	71	India	
story books	18	Singapore	College undergraduate
Lots of ancient books.	20	Singapore	
I can find books that I want.	21	Singapore	
books	23	Singapore	
reference	27	Singapore	
quiet and cosy place to read	27	Singapore	
A place to relax and enjoy borrowing a good book.	28	Singapore	
Fast, accurate and quick response	29	Singapore	
Knowledge	31	Singapore	
Research and Reading	31	Singapore	
difficult to find what you really need without spending hours looking.	32	Singapore	College post graduate
to collect info	32	Singapore	
Distance from home :->	33	Singapore	
Having to visit the it personally to get reference material with ease of mind that there is always someone to help when you need them	33	Singapore	
reference books	33	Singapore	
Dull looking environment	34	Singapore	
A place you can borrow books and do research	34	Singapore	
have to take a train to the library	35	Singapore	
Good resource, but may not always have the resource available at that moment when we need it urgently.	35	Singapore	College post graduate
free info	37	Singapore	
BOOKS & many Outdated Informations.	37	Singapore	
RESEARCH READ NEWSPAPER	37	Singapore	
Borrowing books of reference and reading pleasure.	37	Singapore	
Free access to lots of books !	39	Singapore	
diligent people researching for materials	40	Singapore	
safety, fees	40	Singapore	College post graduate

Q807: What is the first thing you think of when you think of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
librarians	42	Singapore	
books	46	Singapore	
Books and information/ references.	48	Singapore	
if professional data is required.	48	Singapore	
Borrow books & search for information & reading pleasure.	48	Singapore	
Quiet	17	U.K.	High school
too old	19	U.K.	College undergraduate
cosy place to read books	19	U.K.	
i just do - i only really use university library and wonder if the book is gonna be there	21	U.K.	College undergraduate
Its to far away	21	U.K.	
Books and e-mails	21	U.K.	
aisles full of books	22	U.K.	College undergraduate
Books / information	22	U.K.	College post graduate
Books.	22	U.K.	
quite	23	U.K.	College undergraduate
Its a hassle to go there	23	U.K.	
loads of new books to read	23	U.K.	
location	24	U.K.	
books and being told to be quiet	25	U.K.	
books for fun	26	U.K.	
silence	26	U.K.	
Have to make an effort to go there	26	U.K.	
reading	26	U.K.	
borrowing books for free	27	U.K.	
Silence.	27	U.K.	
books business information	27	U.K.	
easily accesing to informations on line, the availability of books, journals ect..	28	U.K.	College post graduate
paradise! lots of books about everything!	28	U.K.	
borrowing books/music	29	U.K.	
getting there and the closing times and so quiet and not very friendly	29	U.K.	
QUIET	29	U.K.	
Boring and quiet	30	U.K.	
great way to read books and rent films	30	U.K.	
quiet place with lot of information	31	U.K.	
free access	31	U.K.	
boring	31	U.K.	
good selection of books	32	U.K.	
getting reminders	33	U.K.	
Old dusty buildings i used to frequent as a child	33	U.K.	
books	33	U.K.	
Books. (The borrowing of)	33	U.K.	
Under resourced.	34	U.K.	
Boring	34	U.K.	
Books that I have to give back	34	U.K.	
novels	34	U.K.	
rows of books	35	U.K.	
a building with books	35	U.K.	
information books computers	37	U.K.	
Books, CDs, DVDs	37	U.K.	
BOOKS	38	U.K.	
books	38	U.K.	

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homework-kids school projects	39	U.K.	
Borrowing books	39	U.K.	
Silence A very lonely atmosphere (some may like that, I don't!)	40	U.K.	
Overdue books and fines	41	U.K.	
old books	41	U.K.	
I don't like having to return books	41	U.K.	
books books and books,	41	U.K.	
Peace and quiet	41	U.K.	
reference books	42	U.K.	
Shelves of books	42	U.K.	
It's a walk up to the town and I have to take my children	43	U.K.	
i dont like library books	44	U.K.	
A place to borrow books	44	U.K.	
Several buildings that I use for hiring books looking up information	44	U.K.	
information+education sources	44	U.K.	
Wide choice of books	44	U.K.	
quite place	45	U.K.	
Stuffy and old fashioned. Used one when I was a child to do my homework.	45	U.K.	
books,newspapers, dvds	46	U.K.	
pleasure	46	U.K.	
Books / CD / DVDs to borrow	47	U.K.	
peace and quiet!	49	U.K.	
books	49	U.K.	
building full of books	49	U.K.	
Inconvenience of getting there.	50	U.K.	
vidio and cd hire for a week at a time better than other places which has one day hire	50	U.K.	
BOOKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	50	U.K.	
varied source of information & entertainment in the form of books, periodicals, computers, audio & visual sources in the form of CD's etc.	51	U.K.	College undergraduate
Books	51	U.K.	
Helpful Staff	51	U.K.	
My childhood.I read ALL the fiction in the Junior Library.	51	U.K.	
books	51	U.K.	
good books for free	52	U.K.	
have to travel	52	U.K.	
Not convenient Total silence	53	U.K.	
LOTS OF BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM.	53	U.K.	
Old fashioned	53	U.K.	
enjoyment	54	U.K.	
TICKETS	54	U.K.	
Informative information on subjects that I would not necessarily get from computer searches ie pictorial guides	54	U.K.	
Books, Video's, reference library.	55	U.K.	
How are books classified so that I can find what I want	56	U.K.	
Free lending service boks cds etc	56	U.K.	
Silence - I recently retired from teaching so my resources where generally available in my institution where I did use the library. I have not used a public library for many years.	56	U.K.	
old outdated books	56	U.K.	
Books, reading and CDs	57	U.K.	
books	57	U.K.	
quiet	57	U.K.	
a queue	58	U.K.	
getting a book	59	U.K.	

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Its in the centre of the town where I live and its difficult to get to, i.e., no nearby free parking. I think its an old fashioned way of getting information.	60	U.K.	
BOOKS and reading to relax	60	U.K.	
information relaxation	60	U.K.	
a library is a place to borrow books from for leisure and also for fact finding and reference material	60	U.K.	
lots of good free books to borrow.	60	U.K.	
Resources	60	U.K.	
reading books	60	U.K.	
Autobiographies	61	U.K.	
lots of books and I can't read them all. I get a warm feeling when I enter a library a bit like a warm bath.	61	U.K.	
Originally-books! Now Computers & courses.	66	U.K.	
books, usually out of date	70	U.K.	
Both reading and reference books, in particular cookery.	71	U.K.	
books	71	U.K.	
Books	71	U.K.	
nowadays, failure - one time it was the prime source - but now, the personnel are not up to the job.	73	U.K.	
New fiction	80	U.K.	
books	80	U.K.	
fast internet access	15	U.S.	
Books. Duh.	15	U.S.	High school
Quiet sometimes dont find what you need	15	U.S.	High school
Hundreds of thousands of books;magazinds;DVD or VHS;reference books; librarians.	15	U.S.	High school
Books. Happy. YES!!!	15	U.S.	
computers	15	U.S.	High school
I wish I had more time to read!	15	U.S.	
The first thing I think about when I think of a library... BOOKS! I love books, I love reading, it's so relaxing.	16	U.S.	High school
Computer how-to books	16	U.S.	High school
The stereotypical librarians and stiff atmosphere.	16	U.S.	High school
free movie rentals	16	U.S.	High school
books haha	16	U.S.	High school
i think its going to take longer cause i dont like reading through books and copying it out or wrting down the source because on the internet you can print it	16	U.S.	
research	16	U.S.	High school
Information	16	U.S.	High school
I think computers with the library catalog on it.	16	U.S.	High school
books and late fees	17	U.S.	High school
Due dates	17	U.S.	High school
When I think of the library, I think of an abundance of information on all topics. I would rather research from a library or print source than the Internet.	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
lots of reference books that I can use (like encyclopedias)	17	U.S.	High school
The librarian hushing everyone.	17	U.S.	High school
BORING!!!	17	U.S.	
the fines	17	U.S.	High school
books	17	U.S.	High school
Late fees, old stuff	17	U.S.	High school
That weird old book smell.	17	U.S.	High school
Books. What else?	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
A great place to relax, to read, to think, and to study.	18	U.S.	College undergraduate

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Useful librarians	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
lots of books and the great smell of old books	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
outdated and lame	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
free books, and internet	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
old musty books	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
A big building filled with books, cds, and other types of ways of getting information.	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
I think of a large selection of books and magazines of all topics as well as having access to online journals and other online information sources	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
Silence and being bored.	20	U.S.	College undergraduate
quiet place to think/work	20	U.S.	
books internet	20	U.S.	
see what new movies are out	20	U.S.	College undergraduate
A place you can go to get information, stories, etc. and most libraries you can rent movies and use computers.	20	U.S.	
A wide selection of books, both used and new.	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
Using the computer and the internet.	21	U.S.	
overwhelmed	21	U.S.	
Yea! New books!	22	U.S.	
Free movies.	22	U.S.	
Peace and friendly environment.	22	U.S.	
Free books!	22	U.S.	
Remembering how to use the decimal system, how to cite sources, and hoping that the material I require is present.	22	U.S.	College undergraduate
takes too long	22	U.S.	College undergraduate
Dirty old books that you can find from other sources	23	U.S.	
book smell	23	U.S.	College undergraduate
Everything I need if i have the time	23	U.S.	College undergraduate
books	23	U.S.	College undergraduate
old books, quiet, smelly, wait time to use computers, inefficiency in getting information	23	U.S.	
how i'm addicted to LEARNING	23	U.S.	College undergraduate
the orange card	23	U.S.	College undergraduate
Books	23	U.S.	College post graduate
doing research via books and/or microfilm	24	U.S.	
A wonderful resource filled to the brim with glorious books... such a wealth of knowledge!	24	U.S.	College undergraduate
Books, i love all the books. To pick up a book and hold it in my hand is still a really cool feeling.	27	U.S.	College undergraduate
I am able to have access to all kinds of materials that I can 'check out' and take home, obtain the information needed, return the materials and not have to pay for said materials.	33	U.S.	
Reference	35	U.S.	College post graduate

Q807: What is the first thing you think of when you think of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
tons and tons of books	35	U.S.	
Being able to touch the information and sort through it.	35	U.S.	
Comfort	38	U.S.	
Happiness. Satisfaction of Curiosity.	41	U.S.	
That I can only check out five books maximum that must be returned within two weeks. Five books could be read very quickly and I don't have time to run to the library every two weeks.	43	U.S.	
no parking	43	U.S.	
A source of information	43	U.S.	
Boring.hahaha	43	U.S.	
Books, audio and video	43	U.S.	College post graduate
freedom	44	U.S.	College post graduate
Free access to everything	44	U.S.	
Hassle to go there to get the information when I can get it online at home.	45	U.S.	High school
reference desk	45	U.S.	
free internet	46	U.S.	High school
free internet	46	U.S.	
My love of reading.	46	U.S.	
internet, books, reference material, photocopy machine, magazines - in that order	51	U.S.	
driving there	51	U.S.	
favorite authors, craft or picture type how to books	52	U.S.	
Inconvenient.	52	U.S.	
a place where I can find free materials to learn more about many subjects and check out movies	53	U.S.	
Great place to spend time browsing through old books	54	U.S.	
Browsing	54	U.S.	
Relax, browse quickly, tons of info right away if needed	55	U.S.	
hours of reading pleasure	56	U.S.	
Book source. Distance to travel to get there. Sometimes frustrating search. Sometimes rewarding search. Time limits to read books and return. Overall libraries are good.	56	U.S.	
Wonderful!! Books on tape, books, movies, music, resource.	57	U.S.	
all the free info one would ever need	57	U.S.	
Out of date books	58	U.S.	
out of date	58	U.S.	
Meeting place	59	U.S.	
info source which is being replaced with the internet because on the net you can get access to current info. Even though libraries have net access I have been relieing on my home net connection.	60	U.S.	
book lovers and smart people, as I used to be, but physical pain these days in looking for what I need	60	U.S.	
Books, lots of lovely books to browse through. Back issues of magazines and journals.	61	U.S.	
Heaven.	62	U.S.	
Real books	64	U.S.	
Getting in the car.	65	U.S.	
checking out books to read	65	U.S.	
Native American resources	65	U.S.	
Parking problems	65	U.S.	
I have to go to town	66	U.S.	
I have to get in my car & drive there	66	U.S.	
school	66	U.S.	

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Q807: What is the first thing you think of when you think of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
trying to get there when they are open and hope they have book and not have to order it from larger library	67	U.S.	
Up to date information, help to find the information, quite place to research.	67	U.S.	
Lack of time to read books before due to be returned. When I want to read a book, I purchase it. I then swap with a friend or sister.	67	U.S.	
information of all kinds available.	67	U.S.	
reference books and reading for pleasure	67	U.S.	
Genealogical research	67	U.S.	
high taxes	68	U.S.	
last place I want to go for info	68	U.S.	
audio books, access thru internet	69	U.S.	
take out books for entertainment reading or for information	69	U.S.	
checking out books to read for pleasure	69	U.S.	
music cds.	70	U.S.	
It's a nice place to be.	72	U.S.	
audio books	72	U.S.	
Interesting Reading	72	U.S.	
Books. that are free to read	73	U.S.	
Checking their book list online.	74	U.S.	
Do I have the time necessary and is the trip/information worth it?	74	U.S.	
A quiet place to get some research done.	74	U.S.	
browsing	74	U.S.	
Difficulty in finding what you are looking for.	75	U.S.	
awonderful place to find almost any information or entertainment.	77	U.S.	
Free use of books and ref. materal GOD only knows we pay enough taxes to suppoet a public library	77	U.S.	
the latest information and newest books	78	U.S.	
knowledgable resource.	79	U.S.	
many books in a distant building	83	U.S.	

Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?

Note: All verbatim comments are presented as entered by survey respondents, including spelling, grammatical and punctuation errors.

Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
To supply people with reading materials whether for entertainment or for research.	17	Australia	High school
A place that holds published information. A place where people can go to search for and locate information of a particular subject.	18	Australia	College undergraduate
Research	18	Australia	College undergraduate
To be able to borrow free materials	18	Australia	College undergraduate
Education	22	Australia	
a place to find any information you need	23	Australia	
Book loaning	25	Australia	
educate our youth and help with social literacy levels	25	Australia	
allow free access to reading and resource materials and access to computers	26	Australia	
allowing people to read interesting things, be it fiction or non-fiction	26	Australia	
education and to let all people have access to the written word	28	Australia	
good available information.	29	Australia	College undergraduate
To have the ability to relay information to the public in the form of hard or soft copies (books or electronic).	30	Australia	
to supply the community with unlimited resource	30	Australia	
to provide written materials as a refence to students	32	Australia	
borrow children's book for my daughter	33	Australia	
Help with Reaserch	35	Australia	
Information	35	Australia	
information	36	Australia	
Information for those people that don't have money to buy books or can't afford to have the internet in thier homes.	36	Australia	
information/entertainment source	39	Australia	
a storehouse of printed information	39	Australia	
Community resource	40	Australia	
Reference material and good books for reading	40	Australia	
to provide a free community resource centre	40	Australia	
choice of what to read	41	Australia	
to be able to use the library, to get books out to read them, use the computers when needed.	41	Australia	
free access to information	42	Australia	
to provide resources to enable the public to 'learn'	42	Australia	
A libraries main purpose is to be a source of information on a range of topics that are of interest to the community at large.	43	Australia	
A place to borrow books, Cds and DVDs	43	Australia	
encouraging reading and a place of reference	43	Australia	
kids-mums	43	Australia	
To help educate people.	43	Australia	
information center	44	Australia	
It is many things to many people.It is to provide people with the means to either relax or to learn.	47	Australia	
quiet place to study	47	Australia	

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Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
To be able to allow the community to access as much up to date information as possible and good quality leisure reading materials.	48	Australia	
learning	49	Australia	
RESEARCH	49	Australia	College post graduate
a central source for the genral public to be able to access many things, including the borrowing of books, reference material, computer access and daily/weekly newspapers/magazines. Also a great learning enviroment for children	50	Australia	
Availability fo books and other media formats on a larege range of subjects	50	Australia	
borrowing books to read or for source material	50	Australia	
stor reference material usually local in nature. View expensive books	50	Australia	
to allow people to experiance reading and possibly helping people to obtain the required book	50	Australia	
To provide resources free of cost	50	Australia	
research of information	51	Australia	
to learn and explore	52	Australia	
borrow books and source information	52	Australia	
easy access to print media	52	Australia	
lending of books/magazines/newspapers for recreational reading providing quality reference material and assistance with research	52	Australia	
For me personally it is the books, but I also see it as a central point in the community for meetings, education etc.	53	Australia	
Service to the public	53	Australia	
Availability of a as much knowledge, fiction and non-fiction, in a multi-media format, as possible, as cheaply as possible. Words for the people.	54	Australia	
borrow books need for a short term, service for children such as story time!	54	Australia	
being able to borrow something, without having to buy outright	55	Australia	
books	56	Australia	
make information and entertainment freely available	58	Australia	
souce information	58	Australia	
A source of information and recreation.	59	Australia	
able to borrow books and resource information	59	Australia	
helping folks who are not on the net	60	Australia	
obtaining information	61	Australia	
INFORMATION FOR YOUTH	62	Australia	
reference books & information gathering	62	Australia	
Allows you to borrow books and other items which you would not be able to afford to buy for yourself.	63	Australia	
Provide any and all guidance to books, titles, information, summaries on any and all topics.	63	Australia	
To provide everyone with a sourse for information both enjoymenet and work and especially for children to have access to many different print and electronic media	63	Australia	
To act as a storehouse of knowledge.	64	Australia	
A free service, providing good reference material, also reading books instead of purchasing them.	64	Australia	
Access to specialised information	64	Australia	
A social responsive Information source.	65	Australia	
Acess to Information for Everyone	65	Australia	
before internet it was mainly to get information on what you were looking for now days there is the internet and you nearly find everything on the net	66	Australia	

Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Books. C.D's, tapes, discs borrowing & internet access	67	Australia	
Access to information or reference material	70	Australia	
Information.	72	Australia	
I use it mainly for fiction borrowing for entertainment purposes, but have also obtained reference material and sometimes films -- eg Shakespeare productions	75	Australia	
Information and entertainment	17	Canada	High school
a place to go and read with your children, a family orientated environment, somewhere to study gather information	20	Canada	
For reliable information to be easily accessed so we can expand our knowledge.	20	Canada	
To provide a hub for people to base their research out of, through the use of books, journals and the internet.	20	Canada	College undergraduate
educating / educating people	22	Canada	
knowledge	25	Canada	
Libraries store information - whether it's books, magazines, articles, films, CD ROMS, etc... Libraries are a resource for professionals and students, or anyone who wants to learn about something.	25	Canada	
I have up to date information and resources for all age groups. To provide research materials for schools and fun material as well for general entertainment	26	Canada	
Being a repository for books (archival material) so that the masses may have access to material that they otherwise would not.	27	Canada	
Borrowing books without the need of purchasing them.	27	Canada	
to provide and give people access to informations.	28	Canada	
To provide every individual with the opportunity to have access to information even without the use of a computer.	28	Canada	
a library is still to me a place to get book, bring it home for a few days or weeks	29	Canada	
a place to hold all the books you need/would like to read or own, other than your own home -- that's a lot of books! :)	29	Canada	College undergraduate
learning	30	Canada	
A free source of educational material.	31	Canada	
learning	31	Canada	
a repository for printed material both CURRENT and historic for public reference.	32	Canada	
to provide people access to books and also information (via computer, tapes, movies, etc.) that they may not otherwise have access to.	32	Canada	
borrowing books, making them available to all classes of people	35	Canada	
books	36	Canada	
To provide information.	37	Canada	
as a place to go to escape and visit faraway places	37	Canada	
To provide people reading material, videos, music, art etc all in one place and to help with projects, assignments and any investigating. It is an essential service to any town, or city	37	Canada	
books and lending	38	Canada	College post graduate
Reference information	38	Canada	
to be a filtered information resource	38	Canada	
To provide the public with free access to fiction and non-fiction literature.	38	Canada	
As stated, to retrieve information from a variety of sources, which allow you to decide for yourself which is sound information. Also a librarian is there to assist you when needed. Who I would assume would know what they are talking about.	39	Canada	
To provide people doing research with access to the recorded knowledge base in their field.	39	Canada	

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Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Archiving old information	40	Canada	
For resource information	40	Canada	
A library is a repository for books and information. It is a place where people of all ages and backgrounds and education levels can go and find whatever reading material they are interested in reading.	41	Canada	
broadening your horizons through reading	43	Canada	
knowledge	43	Canada	
A place to begin the search for information on any topic.	44	Canada	
BOOKS AND INFORMATION	44	Canada	
to be a place that you can get information	44	Canada	
assistance	45	Canada	
collect human knowledge	45	Canada	College undergraduate
easy affordable access to information	45	Canada	
Encouraging literacy in the whole population.	45	Canada	
For me it's the atmosphere and all it has to offer - books, resource info and music to check out	45	Canada	
My children spend most of their weekends at the library. They do their homework there, play on the computers or get homework help online and before they leave they usually bring home books that they would like to read.	45	Canada	
The main purpose of a library is to inform, entertain by loaning out and suppling material to do this.	45	Canada	
to provide resources to the public at little or no cost	45	Canada	
provide information and entertainment materials without having to buy them	46	Canada	
To provide reference materials to people who want to learn more about any given topic. To point people in the right direction, so that they can research what they need and to education themselves in the process.	46	Canada	
a conduit for information to the general public and a reliable, trustworthy source	47	Canada	College post graduate
community resource to lend books and related materials; provides reference materials; programs for public; technology like computers for use	47	Canada	
enjoy reading books and information when I need to find it	47	Canada	
research	47	Canada	
resource	47	Canada	
Data storage and retrieval	49	Canada	
like university it is there to promote critical thinking and the pleasures of expanding one's mind/knowledge base	49	Canada	
A great community organization to provide to the people of a city/region, reading, audio, internet, historical data. (There is more with kids reading, homework sessions, I just don't know how to put it)	50	Canada	
educate	50	Canada	
stimulate the brain	50	Canada	
The library has no purpose in my life. I guess it is more of a historical archive of old paper documents. Who knows?	50	Canada	
to help one gain knowledge	50	Canada	
A source of information on past and present of actual events in life. A source of material in which we can escape reality and live the life we are reading about, instead of our own lives.	51	Canada	
Be your filter of accurate information sources	53	Canada	
being able to find and take home books of interest.	53	Canada	
Provide access to general public for books, reference material etc	53	Canada	
share books and information for free	53	Canada	

Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
to provide communities with knowledge and to assist the people who cannot afford to purchase	53	Canada	
disemination of information	54	Canada	
an accessible location for one of man's most treasured collection	55	Canada	
knowledge and information	55	Canada	
to get all of the correct information one needs knowledge	55	Canada	
A source for people to do research or take out novels to read for pleasure without having to spend a lot of money.	56	Canada	College undergraduate
help with school work and find information that you might need.	56	Canada	
To stimulate curiosity and creativity and to enhance knowledge and education by providing all kinds of information, especially books, to the public.	57	Canada	College post graduate
To give the general public free access to books for research or pleasure so they can enjoy them or complete their studies without a large outlay of cash to buy the books.	60	Canada	
Serving the community	61	Canada	
diseminate knowledge	62	Canada	
educate the populous, provide an atmosphere condusive to learning or recreational reading.	63	Canada	
An information base for the masses.	65	Canada	
I HAVE NOT A CLUE AS THEIR AGENDA, OR WHO DETERMINES WHATEVER IT MAY BE. MY FATHER-IN-LAW USES THE LIBRARY TO READ MAGAZINES RATHER THAN SUBSCRIBE TO THEM (FREE LOADING). IF I TRUELY WANT SOME INFORMATION, I USUALLY WANT A COPY OF IT WITHOUT ILLEGALLY PHOTO COPPYING IT, SO I BUY IT.	66	Canada	
to supply information . To make a variety of authors available to library members.	68	Canada	
to help and educate	72	Canada	
Information dispensing	75	Canada	
Give knowledge	22	India	
To be a repository of knowledge	25	India	
The main purpose of a library is to deliver information and knowledge to a great extent.	27	India	
education share	30	India	
It provides books on every subject which an individual can not manage.	35	India	
it stores the data, which is used for the next generation to feel the touch of my work.	39	India	
to provide educational information on virtually all and any subjects one can think of.	39	India	
books, reading material	44	India	
books freely available or at a minimal cost to those who need to read or refer, secondly a place where you can find rare books	48	India	
quick indexing of information and updated knowledge, yet affordable	51	India	
Access to books on any subject,especially tech and ref	55	India	
expansion of info	56	India	
As far as possible to give the information asked for if possible free.	66	India	
To provide means of disseminating information by compilation & dispersal.	71	India	
People to have a condusive environment for reading	20	Singapore	
To provide free information.	20	Singapore	
for borrowing of reference and leisure books	23	Singapore	
Books	24	Singapore	
for specific resources	24	Singapore	College undergraduate

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Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
to be able to read books quietly.	26	Singapore	
Find info	27	Singapore	
knowledge	27	Singapore	
A library main purpose is to encourage reading.	28	Singapore	
a source of reference	28	Singapore	
store good library books.	28	Singapore	
a place where you can access information and knowledge	31	Singapore	
Complete information, and interesting reading books	31	Singapore	
For enriching knowledge	32	Singapore	
Information Treasure Vault	34	Singapore	
Central information resource, supposedly.	35	Singapore	College post graduate
enjoyment	35	Singapore	
FOR STUDENTS & FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE WEBS FOR INFO.	37	Singapore	
To be able to have any book that you might want to read, reference etc.	37	Singapore	
a resource place	40	Singapore	College post graduate
to help bring knowledge and wisdom to public.	40	Singapore	
encourage reading as a hobby	42	Singapore	
Provide a source of research for everyone.	46	Singapore	
community service	46	Singapore	
For people who are too tight-fisted to buy themselves books to borrow them at the taxpayer's (ie everyone else's) expense	17	U.K.	College undergraduate
Books	18	U.K.	College undergraduate
a place to borrow books from, a source of information	19	U.K.	
allow people to access information and to learn to enjoy reading	22	U.K.	College post graduate
books ...got the rest at home	22	U.K.	
To be able to read books for free.	22	U.K.	
choice	23	U.K.	
find information somewhere quiet to sit	23	U.K.	
learning	23	U.K.	College undergraduate
A place were you could go research topics with assistance available. Taking out books of interest.	24	U.K.	
reserch	25	U.K.	
information	25	U.K.	
books and business information	27	U.K.	
Giving free information and knowledge to everyone	28	U.K.	
INFORMATION	29	U.K.	
borrowing books, resources, computers	30	U.K.	
so you can try books without payin for them. good for helping people who can't read properly	30	U.K.	
access free to everyone and help when you need it	31	U.K.	
to provide eople with the loan of books who might not necessarily have funds to do so and to provide inofrmation to others to wider there knowlege	31	U.K.	
books	33	U.K.	
books	33	U.K.	
books accesable to all	33	U.K.	
i do not use it however it is a good place for research but think the internet is better for information & faster	33	U.K.	
books	33	U.K.	
A free resource for the community for research, learning, and culture.	34	U.K.	
Large print Catherine Cookson novels	34	U.K.	
last resort for info	34	U.K.	
to supply free information	35	U.K.	

Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
For children or old people	35	U.K.	
access a variety if written information, whether it be fact or fiction	35	U.K.	
reserch	36	U.K.	
to give information	36	U.K.	
borrowing	38	U.K.	
For Learning, enjoyment, interacting with people, obtaining latest releases, able to get other than books eg. DVD'S videos, Information, contact point.	40	U.K.	College undergraduate
easy access	41	U.K.	
for reference books, local knowledge, internet (not that i have ever used it) basically reading	41	U.K.	
Provide access to books both fiction and reference for those who do not have access to any other source also a good place for quiet reading and research	41	U.K.	
Accessibility to reading materials for all	42	U.K.	
to allow easy access to books for everyone	42	U.K.	
To supply books and sources of information.	42	U.K.	
to serve the community both by providing access to books for everyone and encouraging people to broaden their horizons through reading and/or electronic sources and information provided	43	U.K.	
i dont like books	44	U.K.	
to provide free information	44	U.K.	
to provide info on community and world through all media to all people with minimal fuss+cost.	44	U.K.	
information and enjoyment	46	U.K.	
for leasure reading and as a source of information	46	U.K.	
information	46	U.K.	
Assist those who cannot purchase items still enjoys books etc	47	U.K.	
A PLACE TO GO FOR FREE INFO BUT MAINLY A FREE BOOKSTORE	49	U.K.	
to get information	49	U.K.	
Acces to books for those who cannot afford to buy	50	U.K.	
Culture	50	U.K.	
finding out all the information that is required	50	U.K.	
to provide worthwhile reading matter without having to pay at point of use	50	U.K.	
To aid people to have books they would not be able to afford to buy, therefore help education and pleasure.	51	U.K.	
A community place to access books which you probably couldn't afford to buy	52	U.K.	
help	52	U.K.	
Information gathering	54	U.K.	
to allow easy access to a wide variety of entertainment & information	54	U.K.	
USE OF BOOKS	54	U.K.	
Books available on all subjects to all	54	U.K.	
education for kids	55	U.K.	
To provide a comprehensive reading and research resource, free of charge.	55	U.K.	
knowledge	56	U.K.	
to give the public a way of gaining information	57	U.K.	
To have various levels of information available at a low cost.	57	U.K.	
information	57	U.K.	
books - and a quiet place to check out reference requirments - internet access for those without a PC	59	U.K.	
to give information	59	U.K.	
allowing the public free access to read books	60	U.K.	
To supply information	60	U.K.	

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Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
To supply books to the public, who pay for this service through their taxes etc.	63	U.K.	
Books and computers	65	U.K.	
Access to books	65	U.K.	
An essential resource for community use - particularly an encouragement to read	66	U.K.	
TO STOCK A WIDE SELECTION OF READING MATTER INCLUDING FICTION, TECHNICAL, SCIENTIFIC,DIY, HOBBY,RELIGION [ALL] IF I WANTED VIDEO`S CD`S I WOULD GO ELSEWHERE.	68	U.K.	
personally, as a means of borrowing books which I would otherwise have to buy. However the real purpose I suppose is as a source of information	69	U.K.	
encourage the spread of knowlege	70	U.K.	
Information, Advice, To supply reading material of a wide variety, Education etc	71	U.K.	
Provide information and entertainment	71	U.K.	
information	80	U.K.	
a ploace to study and research and check out books	14	U.S.	High school
A library is a place to find information or entertainment in the form of books.	15	U.S.	High school
A resource for people to learn and expand their knowledge by reading or using the internet.	15	U.S.	High school
and inexpensive way to learn	15	U.S.	High school
checking out books	15	U.S.	High school
Knowledge	15	U.S.	High school
last resort	15	U.S.	High school
a place to gain informaton, both in print and digital	16	U.S.	High school
a place to go to read and do reseach	16	U.S.	High school
allow people to barrow books	16	U.S.	High school
find hard material instead of virtual	16	U.S.	High school
keep books on paper	16	U.S.	High school
rent books	16	U.S.	High school
to allow people the opportunity to read books, listen to music, research topics, and watch cinema for free and without having to buy the items, but instead share them with the community.	16	U.S.	High school
to give the public free easy access to a lot of information- specifically, literature	16	U.S.	High school
To provide the public with an opportunity. It gives the people a chance to draw away from reality just for a moment, and it helps them to enjoy life.	16	U.S.	High school
a central place for students to locate and work together on a research project.	17	U.S.	High school
A chance for people to discovery a different world inside each book	17	U.S.	High school
A cool place to retrieve information	17	U.S.	
a plce to get information.	17	U.S.	
access to books that I'd like to read but don't have the money to buy or that I'm only going to read once.	17	U.S.	High school
Accessibility to up-to-date information and a quiet means of research and reading leisure	17	U.S.	High school
being able for the public to access multiple types of information.	17	U.S.	
Books and information for free.	17	U.S.	High school
Education of the masses	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
enjoyment	17	U.S.	High school
give people entertainment that wont rot the brain	17	U.S.	High school
Information.	17	U.S.	High school

Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
It provides a great service to the community, whether it's information for a paper, for a do-it-yourself project, just something for leisure reading, or even just a place to study.	17	U.S.	
knowledge	17	U.S.	
Large information center for those who can't find it in other locations or do not have access to it.	17	U.S.	High school
spreading intelligence	17	U.S.	High school
The main purpose is to provide all people with the opportunity to widen their mind's horizons and creativity.	17	U.S.	High school
to provide a community with the privilege of access to literature, information, and other commodities such as music, videos, and/or internet access for reference.	17	U.S.	High school
to provide people with a free access to books and sources of information	17	U.S.	High school
to provide resources not available regularly to the community	17	U.S.	High school
To provide the general public free access to literature and educational/reference materials. It is a basic function of any government to educate/socialize their citizens, and public libraries accomplish this in the U.S..	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
A library is vital in order to get information. I trust and love libraries. The web cannot take over because the library is sacred.	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
As a student, it's a place to find reliable, scholarly sources for research. Personally, it's there for when I'm too broke to buy a book I want to read.	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
enrich our education	18	U.S.	High school
To provide the general public with as much knowledge as possible.	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
assist you in finding information and finding the right books you are searching for.	19	U.S.	
For parents to bring there little kids to get books and for the parents to teach the kids how to read instead of a computer doing it.	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
to provide resources to students (and non-students) and aide in finding the correct resources	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
a deposit of information	20	U.S.	College undergraduate
A place to do research and studying	20	U.S.	College undergraduate
A place to gather information, for free.	20	U.S.	College undergraduate
To provide information to those who want it. To accurately and expertly, within their means, provide the books the public is looking for and to provide a good network with Internet access for those who want to use it and with an accurate catalog to look up books within the library system.	20	U.S.	College undergraduate
To provide useful information for research and knowledge.	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
accumulation of research resources	21	U.S.	College post graduate
archives, books, research help	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
Research purposes	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
To allow its members access to books, videos, music, the internet, different activities, and a safe place to be. Perhaps education. Also depends what type of library. City library is mostly for the first bunch of reasons, University library would be mostly for research/educational purposes.	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
To allow people like myself to go in a building and read free books. Or find out free information. A libray is one of the few places that you can go to for free these days.	21	U.S.	

Appendix B: Sample Verbatim Comments

Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
To be able to research and reading for pleasure	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
To provide resources (books, films, periodicals, computer/internet access) for the public, for research, educational, and recreational purposes.	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
Able to borrow books without paying	22	U.S.	College undergraduate
Enlightenment	22	U.S.	
enteratinment	22	U.S.	
for people who cannot afford things like computers and books to have free access to information. That is something that is necessary in a free and open society.	22	U.S.	
A source of information in different forms of media for people.	23	U.S.	
An institution that disseminates knowledge.	23	U.S.	College undergraduate
different sources of information located under one roof	23	U.S.	College undergraduate
For people to intrigue the interest of there minds in a positive matter.And to learn.	23	U.S.	
To gather as much literature and information as possible in one place, and to share that wealth of resources with that community. It is important to have a place where anyone can go to learn (be it news, research, films and music, fiction, or non-fiction--there is value in it all).	23	U.S.	
books, research information	24	U.S.	
Find knowledge that is best presented in books or paper format. Such as design schematics or knowledge collected before the 1990s (i.e. old books)	24	U.S.	
information	24	U.S.	
It provides free access to books, computers, and reference materials to everyone in every community.	24	U.S.	College undergraduate
Literature and research material of all types is made available for public benefit.	24	U.S.	
rent books	24	U.S.	
Dissemination of information in the interests of strengthening civil society, from children's reading hour to access to news about political candidates, historical documents, hoity-toity literature...every last bit of it.	27	U.S.	College post graduate
access to literature	28	U.S.	
exposing readers to information that they may not be able to find anywhere else	29	U.S.	
To provide citizens access to a wide range of information through books, magazines, journals, and periodicals.	30	U.S.	College undergraduate
Share all the information with everyone for free.	32	U.S.	College undergraduate
To be able to borrow books that I would like to read without having to go to a book sotre and buy them. Also, it is a quiet, calming place to relax and read.	33	U.S.	
borrowing books; doing research	35	U.S.	
reference material for people who need to research as well as a place to borrow books for reading enjoyment	36	U.S.	
lending reading material free of charge	38	U.S.	
FREE access to information and insiration FOR ALL. As in for EVERYONE in a society.	41	U.S.	
Storage and dissemination of information. Smae as the Internet.	41	U.S.	
A center that one can go to obtain information. But as more people own computers, librarys will have to adapt or face becoming a museum	43	U.S.	
A great reference resource	43	U.S.	College post graduate

Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
To be a part of it's community and be a place that has not only reading for pleasure material, but also a good place to do research. I think the material in library is more trustworthy then that on the internet. A library is a place for people of all income levels to have a chance to read the latest novel/books etc.	43	U.S.	
knowledge	45	U.S.	
a store house of information and access to information {internet}.	46	U.S.	High school
to help educate the community	46	U.S.	
free exchange of info; also a resource for school children with less money	47	U.S.	
information for all	47	U.S.	
learning	47	U.S.	
help customers find the information they are seeking and second, for children and anyone really, help foster love of reading and learning	49	U.S.	
Mind-material, either for entertainment or education	49	U.S.	
First, as a source of reading material; second, as a source of information.	54	U.S.	
for research and free reading material	57	U.S.	
To be an 'information station'.	57	U.S.	
A public library is a resource for families to read and do research. Libraries also provide activities for children. Libraries are a quiet place to read and relax or to do research and get help. Oh also, a place to look for potential school scholarships	58	U.S.	
An easy access to books.	58	U.S.	
having the right books for the right job	60	U.S.	
Informed information for the public that does and does not have a computer. Expanding one's mind with unlimited resources, hard copy, video, audio and reference info as well as computer access.	62	U.S.	
A knowledge center for a community or activity which provides books, periodicals and electronic media for use by citizens, members, employees or students.	63	U.S.	
Hang out for losers.	63	U.S.	
feeding the mind.	64	U.S.	
Provide books	64	U.S.	
Access to knowledge and information.	65	U.S.	
Afford the population access to reading material that they may not be willing to purchase.	65	U.S.	
Give many people the opportunity to use computers, read good books and magazines without having to buy them, special programs.	65	U.S.	
research	65	U.S.	
Access to needed information and book rentals.	66	U.S.	
books & research for the masses	66	U.S.	
knowledge	66	U.S.	
Research	66	U.S.	
make books easily available	67	U.S.	
Reference and study for school work. My kids used it often when in school.	67	U.S.	
To supply books worth borrowing and a source of information	67	U.S.	
Reference and research for people that are seeking knowledge about a subject.	68	U.S.	
getting books, studying material for school or college, using a computer if you don't own one	69	U.S.	
books for the general public to have access to for free	69	U.S.	
To be there to supply the community with information that they need, or for entertaining books, cd's, video's	69	U.S.	

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Q810: What do you feel is the main purpose of a library?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
To store History & provide reading material, and reference materials to the public.	70	U.S.	
A GOOD SOURCE FOR INFO, COMPUTER USE, AND PEOPLE'S PLEASURE OF READING WANTED MATERIAL	70	U.S.	
a repository of info., a place from which to borrow books for pleasure/info., etc.	70	U.S.	
To provide wide ranges of materials (video, CDs, film, microfisch, computers)and reference materials in addition to fiction, non-fiction books and periodicals. To provide assistance in searches, to have wide connections to borrow materials not available locally	70	U.S.	
Providing materials from which a person can search and learn subjects.	71	U.S.	
a gathering of information of all media open to the public free of charge thanks to Andrew Carnegie and that should tell you that I'm old	72	U.S.	
A resource for information and data, as well as recreation.	72	U.S.	
book rental	72	U.S.	
The lending of books to the neighborhood residents. A place for shool children to do research in a quiet atmosphere where help is available if needed.	72	U.S.	
to provide info to peopole	72	U.S.	
to provide information and literature for the public.	74	U.S.	
A central source for accessing printed materials - present and past.	74	U.S.	
A cultural link for the community and a central source of information for those without other available sources.	74	U.S.	
Additional education	75	U.S.	
The U.S. public library, within in the limits of its budget, protects our republic by providing citizens with a means for obtaining information representing a wide range of views and information...as I learned as an undergraduate 'learn to use the library and you are forever saved from the tyranny of ignorance and the bias of your professors'	75	U.S.	
To be a resource for knowledge and to provide information/ reading material. These days most useful to people who do not have a computer handy to give them instant information.	75	U.S.	
To provide wonderful material to read. They have been very helpful in locating my husband's preferred book, Westerns and he has a hard time finding one he hasn't read. But they come up with one almost every time so help is the second purpose of a library.	75	U.S.	
research	76	U.S.	
for avid readers. for people who do not have computers at home	77	U.S.	
To obtain free information when needed	77	U.S.	
A wonderful concept - in action! Truly the foundation of a great society could be measured in the quality, quantity and accessibility of its libraries. If it has a single 'main purpose' it would be to educate, I think. I don't know of a library which doesn't strive to do that.	78	U.S.	
main purpose is to loan books, tapes, etc.	78	U.S.	
A ready and large source for information gathering.	81	U.S.	
Literature	83	U.S.	
Continuing education	86	U.S.	

Q812a: Positive associations with the library

Note: All verbatim comments are presented as entered by survey respondents, including spelling, grammatical and punctuation errors.

Q812a: Positive associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
* Books which can be borrowed for free. * Usually people available to help you with whatever you need.	17	Australia	High school
Being at University allows you membership of a large and well respected library on campus. There are librarians and other staff who can help you if you need advice, whereas searching online you cant ask anyone for help.	18	Australia	College undergraduate
Provides many services and products for free or cheaper than they would for the individual. Provides a wide variety of resources for people who would otherwise not have access to them.	20	Australia	College post graduate
YOU HAVE SOMEBODY THERE TO HELP YOU TO FIND EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IF YOU DONT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING.	22	Australia	
freedom to learn if you choose	24	Australia	
endless references assistance in finding accurate informaiton	25	Australia	
generally have a wide range of materials to look at staff are usually helpful and trained to attend to your requests	25	Australia	College post graduate
Heaps of lovely, lovely books to browse, choose from & Read... for free! A full spectrum of choice: a range of topics, genres, etc	26	Australia	College undergraduate
A variety of books and now have internet access.	29	Australia	
1. helpful staff 2. free services	30	Australia	
its an outing for the kids and I. Wide range of facilities	30	Australia	
that it is social place with real people that you can get access to very specific material no found elsewhere at no cost, eg books.	32	Australia	
Easy acces to books that may be too expensive or out of print. Easy acces to the internet.	33	Australia	
Single Location for Information Staff to assist in the location of information.	34	Australia	
It is a wealth of knowledge and relaxation	35	Australia	
resources in abundance great for children	37	Australia	
books transferred closer to home libraray librarian wonderfully helpfull	38	Australia	
The Amount of resources available. Friendly Atmosphere.	38	Australia	
LOTS OF BOOKS LOTS OF INFORMATION	39	Australia	
1) Cheap loans of books 2) Fantastic range of publications to choose from	40	Australia	
Great service - on line reservations Flexible public service e.g., table at train station to collect reserved book on the way to work	40	Australia	
lots of choice helpful people	40	Australia	
GOING ON THE INTERNET,READING BOOKS	41	Australia	
volume of information help if required	42	Australia	
Lots of different materials/books to use. Advice given if required.	44	Australia	
Membership is free. Great reference source.	45	Australia	
Quiet, contemplative time So many books and so little time!	47	Australia	
When studying my uni library was great. Not only for relevant books but also journals and articles.	48	Australia	
FRIENDLY LIBRARIANS. GOOD READING.	49	Australia	
always happy to go to the library, never know who you will run into	51	Australia	
Sole source of much information accessible to the public. Information is available to all, regardless of age, gender, race, belief etc.	51	Australia	

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Q812a: Positive associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
my library has online access for searches and ordering Quiet space for reading newspapers	52	Australia	
1. good source of books I wouldn't otherwise find 2. good source of knowledgeable people who can guide my search for information	52	Australia	
Can find what I want easliy using computer files Pleasant surroundings to browse book shelves	53	Australia	
Able to borrow books free Cater for children	54	Australia	
Can get almost any book you want can order books and they will get trhem for you	55	Australia	
its free Covers the whole range of paper amnd electronic information sources and general reading	56	Australia	
Dewey Numbers to locate books Range of titles	59	Australia	
when looking for material to relax with in a library - it is easier to come across something suitable accidentally. A book that doesnt fit in with my normal criteria, for instance , and this expands my awarness. It is also a centre to get out of the house to that doesnt cost the earth to enjoy.	59	Australia	
availability of borrowing books and all other sources they provide and information provided by reference books/ actual handling of books and actually 'seeing' the books etc	61	Australia	
THE LIBRARIANS ARE EXPERTS. ALL THE INFORMATION IS THERE SOMEWHERE.	62	Australia	
I can usually find what I need A very diverse cross section	68	Australia	
The possible ability to aquire information that may not be available from other souces. the option of alternative medium types, ie cd, dvd, video, etc	71	Australia	
My library has a very friendly , co-operative staff I can access other specialist libraries through it	75	Australia	
lots of info and theres always someone to help if you need it	14	Canada	High school
1)Lots of books 2)good info	16	Canada	High school
Lots of material Helpful/knowledgeable staff	16	Canada	High school
Any book you want Easy to use	17	Canada	High school
technologically advanced very informative	19	Canada	College undergraduate
friendly envronment lots of sources	20	Canada	College undergraduate
Novels Movies you can take out	21	Canada	College undergraduate
getting to borrow books, that you probably wouldn't otherwise have access too. And checking them out for free.	24	Canada	
Helpful librarians Many different information sources	26	Canada	
Generally Free (Inter)National cooperation	27	Canada	
sharing books, CDs and DVDs Doesn't typically cost anything	28	Canada	
free access to books, computer, other information - a centre to meet people for meetings and events	29	Canada	
An incredible source of references (information) Access to computer and librarians.	32	Canada	
Conducive environment to quiet study... Archival records dating back to any given publication's inception...	32	Canada	
many resources, free to join	32	Canada	
Variety of media Discovering something new	35	Canada	
1-Calm - a good place to focus. 2-Helpful staff	36	Canada	
Free No charge Quiet \ /Regulated enviroment	36	Canada	
Usually more than one copy of book/magazine in question. Knowledgable staff	36	Canada	
children love being there to pick out their own material availability of almost any reading source or material	37	Canada	
1. Great place to instill a love of reading in children. 2. Great variety of books.	38	Canada	
Book Exchange Information Resource	38	Canada	

Q812a: Positive associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
1. Helpful librarians 2. Finding books I wouldn't have heard of otherwise	39	Canada	
1. Quiet and easier for concentration 2. Wealth of information	39	Canada	
Libraries are embracing computer technology and now offer library users the best of both worlds when they visit. They can borrow conventional books, magazines and newspapers and they can also log on to the computer system and find lots of information there. Teachers and school administrators still advocate the use of libraries and encourage their students to visit, so I think libraries will be here for a while yet.	41	Canada	
Spending hours in the library as a child, taking home stacks of books. Looking forward to reading the latest book by a favourite author - even if I have to wait a while for my turn!	42	Canada	
Nice, helpful and KNOWLEDGABLE staff Quiet atmosphere LOTS of information	44	Canada	
Able to borrow new released reading materials Access to books and refrence materials not available at home	45	Canada	
-lots of books ... I love books -free internet access	45	Canada	
You have alot of info options. You can get the help of a expert.	45	Canada	
Staff is always friendly the staff will search for the book I want and have it in a couple of days	46	Canada	
Books Periodicals	47	Canada	
Not too far from home Comfortable area to take the children too for a few hours = get familiar with the joy of reading	47	Canada	
the two positive things are availability,and resources of there computers when you need information and sources needed,	47	Canada	
Being able to borrow books I couldn't afford to buy Finding a quiet place to study ,either for school or for my own pleasure	48	Canada	
Free resources and books Free databases and Internet	48	Canada	College undergraduate
knowledge, information	48	Canada	
Easy access Being able to read the information in the comfort of your easy chair	49	Canada	
1. It is great to have a library within the city. A good meeting place. A good resource place.	50	Canada	
too many to list smell of books no charge many diferent types of resources professional help	50	Canada	
I have learned so much in libraries, I've spent the better part of my life doing research. 'The more I learn, the more I learn!'	52	Canada	
Librarians are expert researchers	53	Canada	
If I can't find a book in an institutional setting I will use a public library. If I can't find the information I need on the Internet I will go to the library to find it, or ask them where I can get a copy.	54	Canada	
Information is the main purpose Study in a quite envirement	54	Canada	
wide access to lots of materials, especially things you would never have thought of looking for. comfortable place to sit undisturbed and assess information	57	Canada	
Get good books to read Get help with research when I need them	61	Canada	
staff were very helpful and the amount of research material available was more than adequate	62	Canada	
The librarian is there to help find what I want. I can flip through the book to see if it has the information I want.	63	Canada	
Excellent service	71	Canada	
save buying expensive learning books some there to help you to find the articale you are looking for	72	Canada	
May have older information not available via internet. Perhaps a wider range of topics available for any given topic.	75	Canada	
sense of ownership and encouragement to use effective organization of materials to assist search	79	Canada	

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Q812a: Positive associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Increase Knowledge Good Databank	31	India	
1.Any one can get infromation about all subject in library generally. 2. Its the cheapist means to get knowledge.	35	India	
Access to books Choice of browsing without purchasing	43	India	
1. Vast database for knowledge. 2. All information available	51	India	
to come to know some new topic/thing that I was not aware of. the simple joy of reading books	54	India	
You get wide choice for reference and books are easy to locate, lots of information can be retrieved.	54	India	
Most of the are available or procured on demand	55	India	
the books a peaceful place to read and relax	61	India	
learn always & almost all references needed.	71	India	
Lots of information. Free.	20	Singapore	
More reliable More types of sources, e.g info can be found in books, magazines, cds and dvds	20	Singapore	
books cafe	25	Singapore	
1. variety of books. 2. air-conditioned.	26	Singapore	
one stop learning place resourceful	27	Singapore	
1. It's free! 2. Lots of information you can learn, even those that you may not at first realise that you'll like to know.	29	Singapore	
most of the information and reseach available are trustworthy	29	Singapore	
You get to know lots of things without buying any books.	29	Singapore	College post graduate
1)Resource rich (in terms of the variety of books, audio and information services) 2)Advance technology	31	Singapore	
free. easy to find the books by category.	35	Singapore	
1. Online checking for availability of books 2. Reserve the book for borrowing	37	Singapore	
(1) plenty information can be found (2) free access to the library	44	Singapore	
A form of entertainment. An acknowledgable place.	44	Singapore	
Reliable and accurate.	48	Singapore	
Wide variety of books to choose /borrow FOC. Children / adults can find most information without having to buy lots of books & keep unnecessarily at home as they outgrow the books & become irrelevant.	48	Singapore	
wide variety of books able to browse the books freely	51	Singapore	
1 good reading enviroment 2 all that is required to know is at hand	54	Singapore	
source of learning they have become more child friendly	33	U.K.	
PERSONAL TOUCH, HELPFUL STAFF	38	U.K.	
most services are free and easy to access.helpful staff.	44	U.K.	
lots of book choice quiet place to gather info from printed word	57	U.K.	
So many books... free borrowing	17	U.K.	
1) you can find any reading material you want 2) its more personal	29	U.K.	
Loads of books. Have really good memories of libraries back in Australia when I was a kid.	34	U.K.	
Free at point of use Information Service Provider	37	U.K.	
Variety of information sources Sources available free	42	U.K.	
Enjoy looking through reference materials in the library. Enjoy taking out books to read either for pleasure or research.	54	U.K.	
Free to join. Lot of choice.	55	U.K.	
choice of literature free access to computers	60	U.K.	
Friendly & helpful staff.	66	U.K.	
It is Free. Good for information.	69	U.K.	
Wide range of books Out-of-print books	17	U.K.	College undergraduate
Get to read before you rent Lots of information available	18	U.K.	College undergraduate

Q812a: Positive associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
free access to books, access to computers	21	U.K.	
Loan books for free Quiet environment to work/relax	23	U.K.	
Quiet place to go Lots of reading material	23	U.K.	
inexpensive assistance available	24	U.K.	
it supplies all information you want, it save your time.	28	U.K.	College post graduate
Many obscure titles kept Knowledge of staff	31	U.K.	
good quiet learning enviroment. a dry warm place on a cold day.	34	U.K.	
Local information for the community,lists of courses going on in the area.	34	U.K.	
knowledge freedom	35	U.K.	
Friendly staff, Wide Range of Materials	40	U.K.	College undergraduate
Newly published books Helpful librarians	42	U.K.	
access to books mgs and newspapers that i wouldn't normally buy or could afford. reference filing for ease of access to material	44	U.K.	
BOOKS!!! INFORMATION!	50	U.K.	
huge selection well looked after	50	U.K.	
Wide range of materials and information. Time spent just browsing!	52	U.K.	
PLENTY OF CHOICE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN	53	U.K.	
Vast array of leisure and information available as well as electronic, various media resources.	56	U.K.	
it is free to join and to borrow	60	U.K.	
Have used the local library pc which was broadband supported. Useful for current local information.	62	U.K.	
PEACEFUL PLACE TO FIND INFO COVERS MOST TOPICS	17	U.K.	
a wide range of information, people are avialable to speak to if you needed help locating material.	20	U.K.	
lots of information available range of materials (books, persiodicals etc)	22	U.K.	College post graduate
It's free. You get help to find a book if needed.	22	U.K.	
Free, wide range of books Often has free internet, which is useful if you are visiting a town, and need to check e-mail etc.	24	U.K.	
biggest collection anywhere in the world nice place to study	25	U.K.	
Can access info in tangible form - ie can pick it up and look at it. can go there for peace and quiet if you need to study without distractions	26	U.K.	
central information reference variety and quantity of information	28	U.K.	
INFORMATION FREE	29	U.K.	
information computers	30	U.K.	
1.good source of information 2.good source of entertainment	31	U.K.	
Books are free There is someone there to help if you can't find something	32	U.K.	
Good for childrens introduction to reading and books	32	U.K.	
Great way to get kids interested in books, learning and using their imagination. Cheap source of information - particularly expensive reference & specialist books you couldn't afford yourself.	34	U.K.	
it's free you can look at or borrow a large number of books of your choice at one time	35	U.K.	
accessing reference books that would otherwise cost a lot of money to buy borrowing language courses which are also very expensive to buy	38	U.K.	
Variety of material Range of material	41	U.K.	
Access to large collections of reading material. Ability to order material if not available at time.	42	U.K.	
Huge variety of books to read Pleasant and helpful staff	43	U.K.	

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Q812a: Positive associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
help , relaxation	46	U.K.	
Time out for myself dicovering a book I really want to read	46	U.K.	
large selection of reading material good place for local information	48	U.K.	
Able to browse books one would maybe not be drawn to in a bookshop. Diverse choice of subject fiction and non-fiction	50	U.K.	
Cheerful surroundings Friendly staff	50	U.K.	
Friendly Staff Meeting like minded readers	51	U.K.	College undergraduate
More books than a bookshop for reference It's free	52	U.K.	
Wide selection of up to date books, fiction and non-fiction. saves the cost of having to buy a book especially if the information is one small paragraph in a very expensive book.	53	U.K.	
Lots of information to hand and accessible from other organisations Lots of different types of media	55	U.K.	
it almost always has the information i need in some form or other the librarians will telephone other libraries if they dont have the book or information that you require	57	U.K.	
Nearness to residence Wide range of choice	58	U.K.	
excellent facilities. Good atmosphere.	59	U.K.	
Support from experts Access to a range of sources	60	U.K.	
interaction with people free information	61	U.K.	
Ease of access Books sorted by category	66	U.K.	
Good book service good IT access	71	U.K.	
Love browsing and always have library books at home. Have found medical information invaluable	71	U.K.	
easy access free services (important to a pensioner)	72	U.K.	
books . classics, in depth research .facility , the way to obtain hard to get information.	73	U.K.	
free books as many as you want quite studying place	14	U.S.	High school
Gives books.... has magazines...	14	U.S.	High school
gives information easily accessible	14	U.S.	High school
lots of information helpful staff	14	U.S.	High school
1.Books 2.Information	15	U.S.	High school
accurat information internet	15	U.S.	High school
Being able to read for free. Having a large source of information in one place.	15	U.S.	High school
easy access internet access	15	U.S.	High school
Free & offers a ton of research assistance	15	U.S.	
free research working computers	15	U.S.	High school
Free transfer of Knowlege Peace and quiet	15	U.S.	High school
Good books helpful librarians	15	U.S.	High school
Good Books. Internet Access.	15	U.S.	High school
Has new and classic books Better resources than internet	15	U.S.	High school
If you have questions, you can ask a librarian. Loads of information on thousands of topics all in one building.	15	U.S.	High school
Many resources (computers, books, audio tapes, video tapes, librarians) Classes (in school and out)	15	U.S.	High school
You can take out free books. You can find book titles, authors, and when books come out from the library catalog, and find good books to read.	15	U.S.	High school
1. Quiet 2. Lots of information stored in the building.	16	U.S.	High school
books are free; you can do research quietly	16	U.S.	High school
endless amounts of books, and friendly service	16	U.S.	High school
'Free' Accesible to public, and encourages reading	16	U.S.	High school
great books; snack machines	16	U.S.	High school
-Many community activities -Provides many people with things they wouldn't yhave otherwise	16	U.S.	High school
More trustworthy information Quiet place to study	16	U.S.	High school
Smart Peaceful	16	U.S.	

Q812a: Positive associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
There are many sources of information available through the library, and the people there are always very friendly. It is also a very community oriented thing.	16	U.S.	High school
The library is 100% free. The librarians are very well informed on where things are, and what information is what.	16	U.S.	
1. It has many resources to access information when it is needed. 2. It is quiet.	17	U.S.	High school
1. There is a large amount of information available. 2. The librarians are there to help with any problems a person may have.	17	U.S.	High school
Accurate information and reliability (knowing that the information will still be there, accessible to you, later on)	17	U.S.	High school
Books are wonderful. Libraries provide great access to information and new worlds.	17	U.S.	High school
Finding good videos/DVD's to watch each week from my public library; and finding good books to read or books related to a subject of interest or complementary books to ones I'm studying in school.	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
I only read books once usually so I like that I can check out books for free so that I don't have to pay for them yet only use them once. They are also a good place to access reference materials.	17	U.S.	High school
Knowledge, artistic expression	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
Knowledgeable staff, up-to-date database connecting to other libraries, accessible information from sources, organized classification system	17	U.S.	High school
lots of books well organized (i.e. card catalogue)	17	U.S.	High school
Lots of Information Free (for the most part)	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
Lots of information, quiet study place	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
many books, people to talk to if you have any questions	17	U.S.	High school
Quiet. Loads of knowledge.	17	U.S.	High school
Reading. Learning.	17	U.S.	High school
Safe Place. Free Books.	17	U.S.	High school
social comfy chairs	17	U.S.	High school
The easiest and cheapest way to get books to read and to get information for research	17	U.S.	High school
You can read books without having to pay for them. They have computers and encyclopedias and books for research.	17	U.S.	High school
lots of information assistance is always available	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
Safe and reliable information Multitudes of information	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
1. Parents can interact with their kids. 2. Kids have fun with the toys provided in the kids section.	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
accurate information variety of information	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
books! books!	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
Helpful librarians, and it has everything and if it doesn't they can get it for you.	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
nice librarians, helpful good work environment	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
Possibility to find interesting books/magazines. Fast computers for help.	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
at your own pace reading self-paced learning	20	U.S.	College undergraduate
'free' literature, as long as it's not returned late Quiet areas to relax to do your work	20	U.S.	College undergraduate

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Q812a: Positive associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Good reading, studying atmosphere; depending on the library and the collection itself, an excellent source for older and rock-hard sources for research papers.	20	U.S.	College undergraduate
source of lots of information more than just getting books - also good for pc use and making copies	20	U.S.	College undergraduate
1. Free library cards to check out books 2. Free use of computers and internet access for people that don't have it (or can't afford it)	21	U.S.	
Free Books Typically resources are simple to find	21	U.S.	College post graduate
Helpful Librarians and Many great books	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
plenty of material at your fingertips if the subject you are looking for does not need to be current, then it is a lot faster to use the library to get exactly what you want	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
There is an abundance of computers. There are very helpful rescources in the library.	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
Vast expanse of sources. Ease of location on a university campus.	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
free (if it's not late) get to physically look at the book before deciding to check it out	22	U.S.	College post graduate
helpful people gobs of information, ideas	22	U.S.	
Librarians, as trained professionals, can help you locate materials anywhere in their system. Theoretically, things are where they are listed to be, and as long as you can learn to use the system for locating them, it is relatively simple.	22	U.S.	College undergraduate
quiet, full of novels	22	U.S.	College post graduate
They give people access to books that they could not afford to go to the store and buy. They allow people who can not afford a computer to use the one at the library.	22	U.S.	College undergraduate
1. I can find information 2. Librarians are helpful	23	U.S.	
Extensive variety of genres and types of literature. Knowledgeable librarians.	23	U.S.	
Free books Great Place to meet chicks	23	U.S.	High school
Lots of books to read free of charge Feeling educated	23	U.S.	
The smell The amount of information available	23	U.S.	
1. Free 2. Wide variety of information available	24	U.S.	College undergraduate
University related libraries are convenient	24	U.S.	
wonderful information, helpful librarians	24	U.S.	
Free information Librarians there to help	28	U.S.	
very helpfull staff use of public books at no cost	28	U.S.	
1. There are knowledgable people available to answer questions and guide your search. 2. Some information can only be accessed for free at the library	30	U.S.	College undergraduate
provides books without having to buy them centralizes a lot of information	30	U.S.	
Someone to help with finding information Lots of very old stuff you wont find on the net	30	U.S.	
1. It is free 2. It gives me access to a tremendous amount of information.	33	U.S.	
Have the books I want, trusted resources	35	U.S.	
free rental of books and videos.	36	U.S.	
Books for adults and children. Availability to use computers for online purposes	38	U.S.	
Free there are librarians	39	U.S.	
educational, family-oriented	40	U.S.	
large assortment of materials friendly and helpful personell	40	U.S.	
1) it provides many sources of information in one place 2) it is free	41	U.S.	

Q812a: Positive associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Books improve your life, by inspiring, teaching, keeping you involved and interested, and FREE TO THINK. LITERACY and being informed raise the standard of living of individuals and societies.	41	U.S.	
real people support. the touch the smell the ability to open and close a book right at your hands	41	U.S.	
free access to information. qualified staff to help you.	42	U.S.	
It's nice to be able to get out of the house to do some of my research. Having a person to help find what I may be looking for.	42	U.S.	
Decent selection. No charge to borrow books so I'd be more likely to read something that I would not pay to read.	43	U.S.	
Free access, latest books	44	U.S.	
free books and videos can sit there and read magazines	45	U.S.	
Internet access for those who don't have a computer. Someone to help you go a certain direction with a topic or assignment	45	U.S.	
1) wandering the isles and finding a nugget of a book. Discovery. 2) Help from a live person if needed.	46	U.S.	
a place one can go to be alone, even in a crowd, a place one can challenge any belief system one may possess, or can support any system the same way.	46	U.S.	
Wonderful children's reading programs. Access to computers to those who do not have them.	46	U.S.	
1. information is 'pure'--no-one edits it--no point of view 2. calm, quiet place	47	U.S.	
Libraries have every book. Libraries are free.	47	U.S.	
finding the data I need. Staff willing to assist you.	49	U.S.	
People available Multitude of books on different subjects by different authors.	49	U.S.	
Surrounded by books Peaceful	49	U.S.	
almost always quiet, and usually have one or more books that I need on almost any subject.	50	U.S.	
1) Large volume of material physically at my fingertips. 2) Less searching, because there is less information to 'wade through'.	51	U.S.	
convenient--I order books on-line from all over the system and pick them up weekly I have far more books available to me than if I could only use and read those I purchased myself	51	U.S.	
free loaner books quiet, uncrowded	52	U.S.	
there is a human being on premise to help you when you are unable to find what you are looking for the diversity of the books, videos, audios, that you find there	52	U.S.	
Help by librarians when doing research or making suggestions for reading subjects of interest. Providing current materials and technology for their users.	53	U.S.	
Free, Wealth if knowledge, 24/7 info	54	U.S.	
1. I like being surrounded by books 2. Libraries smell good. Especially the very old ones with lots of old books.	55	U.S.	
ease of locating what I'm looking for, and books on tape	56	U.S.	
QUIET TIME FREE LITERARY AND COMPUTER ACCESSABILITY	56	U.S.	
It's a comfortable place to sit and read. It's also a good place to find information you might not be aware of on your own.	57	U.S.	
1) Ease of locating books and periodicals 2) Pleasant environment in which to work.	60	U.S.	
They have what I need, or can get it. Wonderfully helpful librarians	60	U.S.	
EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED WIDE ASSORTMENT OF BOOKS, CDS, ETC.	61	U.S.	
Access to biographies that expands one's understanding of the human condition. Provides ability to access info available with no out of pocket financial investment.	62	U.S.	

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Q812a: Positive associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
I use the library all the time for reading material. The people who work there are great at looking up information for you when you ask them to. The library is a wonderful asset to any community.	62	U.S.	
take out audio books use genealogy resources	62	U.S.	
It is free It is convient	63	U.S.	
Comfortable learning environment; Some place to go to get answers to a question I have.	65	U.S.	
Friendly place for information I still enjoy the feel of a book in my hands this I can do without having to buy	65	U.S.	
1. A person can use library resources to expand their mind. 2. A fun happy place to visit.	66	U.S.	
1. Comfortable accomodations. 2. Easy to locate materials.	66	U.S.	
GOOD PLACE FOR MY GRANDCHILDREN TO GET HELP WITH HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS GOOD SOURCE FOR INFORMATION	66	U.S.	
i can renew books over the phone they order books for me from other branches	66	U.S.	
Quiet area to do research. Ability to browse without flipping from website to website.	66	U.S.	
They really researched a project for me. They also have movies & CD's that you can check out,	66	U.S.	
all the free reading I want up to date computer access & assistance	67	U.S.	
Comfortable surroundings. librarian helps with problems.	67	U.S.	
Extensive genealogy department Knowledgeable personnel	67	U.S.	
Multiple ways to gather information. A person who can steer you to the section you need.	67	U.S.	
Good research Dept/ Able to check out DVD	68	U.S.	
polite and helpful	68	U.S.	
RELAXING, INFORMATIVE	68	U.S.	
The ease of using for the information I need and the helpfulness of those working to find what I need	68	U.S.	
When I was younger, and computers were not available, the library was the best source of knowledge, and leisure reading.	68	U.S.	
BASE OF KNOWLEDGE AND BOOKS TO INFORM OR ENTERTAIN	69	U.S.	
Free access to unlimited information and avbbillity to borrow novels, research material, magazines, tapes, DVD's and all sorts of media.	69	U.S.	
Good for children to be able to see all the books and information.	69	U.S.	
Lovely, peaceful atmosphere. Always someone there to help me personally.	69	U.S.	
A QUIET PLACE TO READ AND STUDY. A NICE PLACE TO MEET OTHERS WHO LIKE TO READ.	70	U.S.	
Online catalogs Audio books	70	U.S.	
There are materials you can use to learn an area of interest. People are available to help you find what you need.	71	U.S.	
My local library has a much better supply and selection of current CDs than the main library in town. Longer hours,in town, including open on sunday	71	U.S.	
The atmosphere is friendly, the librarians are helpful and I can read as much as I want	71	U.S.	
Amount of information available. Timliness of information on the one hand as well as historical data when needed.	72	U.S.	
Hundreds of books to choose from and enjoy for no cost. A reasonable length of time before the book is due back.	72	U.S.	
I used the library extensively when I was in college (before computers!) and doubt I could have gotten through without it. The availability of books & other materials which one would not otherwise have access to.	72	U.S.	
MUCH INFORMATION, COMPUTERS	72	U.S.	

Q812a: Positive associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
QUANTITY OF INFORMATION AND ORGANAZATION	72	U.S.	
courteous assistance when needed. Can count on finding what you are looking for.	73	U.S.	
Helpfulness, knowledge	73	U.S.	
Order online Renew online	73	U.S.	
There is a librarian available to help when we need help. Local library sells used books at very low prices.	73	U.S.	
I love books, audio books when I travel can rent them for a month, so I have enough time to read them, also to read to children at school	74	U.S.	
My first introduction to the wonders of reading (1936 -thanks to a wonderful teacher) and The availability of books to feed my hunger on long nights (1949-50 A.F. Comm.Cntr.).	74	U.S.	
1. Quiet 2. Self help is possible.	75	U.S.	
I remember saturday afternoons, when 2:00 p.m. was story hour. With other boys and girls, we sat on the hardwood floor in a semi circle and listened to stories read by Miss Dunn, who was our head librarian. This was many decades ago. No matter what the subject was, I could always get sufficient information on it at the local library.	75	U.S.	
an oasis for learning teaching children to love books	76	U.S.	
Goodly number of a book for borrowing Promptness getting new book ordered and on shelf	77	U.S.	
1. Encouraging the young to utilize the library via various programs geared to their ages & interests. 2. Active in community activities, providing a platform for social interests and encouraging participation.	78	U.S.	
AMUSEMENT ENTERTAINMENT	78	U.S.	
Wealth of information No cost to use	78	U.S.	
other than being shushed I loved it	79	U.S.	
Pleasant people to deal with Very helpful	80	U.S.	
Recreation for 75 years of my life Resource for education purposes	82	U.S.	

Q812b: Negative associations with the library

Note: All verbatim comments are presented as entered by survey respondents, including spelling, grammatical and punctuation errors.

Q812b: Negative associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Being Quiet Really Bad search systems	16	Australia	High school
It closes Need more recent material	16	Australia	High school
overdue books/fees having to leave the house	17	Australia	High school
Some libraries have fees. Some libraries are very narrow minded in information available.	17	Australia	
crowding not enough cross-referencing	18	Australia	College undergraduate
The catalogs on the computer are sometimes hard to use to find the book/article/journal that you want. The library can be busy and the information sometimes is not available - sometimes the book you need is on loan.	18	Australia	College undergraduate
date of publications (out of date) time spent looking for specific information	19	Australia	College undergraduate
difficulty finding information, penalties for forgetting to return books	19	Australia	College undergraduate
Have to physically be at the library to use its resources. May not necessarily contain the needed resources.	20	Australia	College post graduate
late fees the term of loans	21	Australia	
Geeky/nerdy people old	22	Australia	College undergraduate
need to sign up to take out books must be quiet	23	Australia	College undergraduate
Physical distance from home/work Overcrowded	23	Australia	
geeky aura	24	Australia	
Hard to access as there isn't one in my home town. Fines.	24	Australia	
can be a little overwhelming	25	Australia	College post graduate
have to physically go there don't understand the filing system	25	Australia	
a bit of a hassle to get to, time limits	26	Australia	
boring slow	27	Australia	
Poor Service Poor Range of Books	27	Australia	
can't always get what you want some resources old/out of date	28	Australia	
not up to date information, sometimes hard to get to a library to borrow stuff	29	Australia	College post graduate
queues for computer resources never enough books	29	Australia	College post graduate
Not able to get my hands on the specific book I wanted Not able to use the computers readily	30	Australia	
Sometimes too much information Sometimes hard to navigate	31	Australia	
due to the internet, everything is much faster, getting help when needed, some staff are just not knowledgeable enough	32	Australia	
A little outdated. A lot of information now is readily available at home via internet.	33	Australia	
old world technology impossible to find info quickly	35	Australia	
time delays, registration	35	Australia	
fees for late returns, waiting for a long time for the book you want	36	Australia	
Grumpy librarians. Dead quietness	36	Australia	
Lack of particular books I want, no food or drink.	37	Australia	
can be hard to find ref information quickly	38	Australia	
Borrowing restrictions. Lack of resources.	40	Australia	
If you are not familiar with the cataloguing system you may find it hard to locate what you may be searching for. It would possibly take you longer to search for information through a library rather than on the net.	40	Australia	

Q812b: Negative associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Moody librarians! Insufficient books on certain topics	40	Australia	
books are old and not in good condition.	42	Australia	
library card computer glitches	42	Australia	
having to actually go there have to be a member	43	Australia	
kids slow	43	Australia	
Perceived as a hidebound and stuffy entity where silence is golden. Large institution which can be somewhat intimidating for people who are not confident with learning or exploring.	43	Australia	
Time consuming Materials can sometimes be outdated	43	Australia	College undergraduate
books tend to be out of date or, if current, are checked out. not enough IT	44	Australia	
Library is not in my own home, I have to travel to it. Sometimes the books get tatty because of the number of readers. Have to remember how to find reference books.	44	Australia	
Austerity and inability to rapidly find information.	45	Australia	
rude attendants and slow service.	47	Australia	
dusty have to search for info	50	Australia	
Libraries want to realize that there are a lot of adult readers out there and we want to see more adult books (not porn) balance the children's section and the adults section more evenly oldies like a good book too	50	Australia	
not enough disabled parking	50	Australia	
Cataloguing - where is the information? Is it all in one place or is it scattered? Parameters for determining scope - breadth and depth - of the collection.	51	Australia	
must physically attend, less comfortable than home	51	Australia	
You have to leave home to get your book without guarantees that you will find what you want. why go to the library when you can get the information from the comfort of your own home.	51	Australia	
1. not as accessible as the internet 2. holdings can be limited so, while they have many books I wouldn't otherwise find, they also miss many I would like to borrow.	52	Australia	
Don't know where anything is anymore. The staff are too busy to help.	53	Australia	
have to travel to library as opposed to searching the net	55	Australia	
Having to go there if it's a rainy day. Time consuming	55	Australia	
Having to return the books within a certain time frame; not finding what I am looking for when I don't have a lot of time to spare	55	Australia	
A librarian who does not know the library's resources. The inability to keep reasonably up to date with the latest information and resources.	56	Australia	
sometimes you need to re-borrow the book because lending time too short. Not enough care taken (sometimes) to keep books in top condition.	56	Australia	
FINES LACK OF VARIETY IN DVD	57	Australia	
only one - some staff are not as well informed as others	57	Australia	
Restrictions in hours online tends to be USA influenced	57	Australia	
snoopy librarians difficulty finding books (out of order)	58	Australia	
No conversations allowed with companions.	59	Australia	
Difficulty in getting the reading matter you require. Closed after hours.	61	Australia	
1. require help to find what I need	62	Australia	
ADULTS SHOULD BE PAYING TO USE. TOO HARD TO GET TO.	62	Australia	
musty underfunded	62	Australia	
Inflexibility of systems and staff. Physical difficulties of access.	65	Australia	
sometimes the way the staff speak to you not enough time if you need to use the computer in library	66	Australia	
Not sufficient internet connections. Online authors should be split into sections for ease of access.	70	Australia	

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Q812b: Negative associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Accessibility and less need to visit because data more easily available electronically	81	Australia	
you have to drive to go get your books and you have to drive back to return your books	14	Canada	High school
Doesn't always have what I need Material can take a while to come in from another place	16	Canada	High school
books not being in. no access to needed resources	19	Canada	College undergraduate
you have to go there and sift through lots of books to possibly find what you are looking for. you have a deadline to return the books.	21	Canada	
book already signed out Bad hours	23	Canada	College undergraduate
There are so many books that I do not know where to start We do not know who had the book before and do not know weither or not the person was sick, sort of like handling money	23	Canada	
just plain boring too much searhing for your information	26	Canada	College post graduate
Time consuming Don't always fid what you are looking for	26	Canada	
you are boring if you go there It's not a fast way to find what you need	26	Canada	
Bad hours lack of up to date info	27	Canada	
First i live in a small town, and the library don't get a lot of new a books esch month. Second: the only have 2 computer with internet acces. Sometimes when i got ther the computer are already taken so i have to wait 30 minutes to have a chance to use one	29	Canada	
not to much help, you feel like you should know how it all works and if you don't they sometimes don't seem to want to help you. To quiet, sometimes you have to work in groups and you always feel like you can't talk	30	Canada	
Don't always have the resources to acquire the most up to date material. Not always open when I need it.	31	Canada	
a lot of manual work to get specifically what you need overdue fines	32	Canada	
Stuffy Old books	32	Canada	
someone has my library card from a purse theft.	33	Canada	
Forgetting to bring back books on time. Having to be so quiet.	35	Canada	
Librarians not always aware of their own collections (mainly the electronic resources). Resources not always current.	35	Canada	
You have to make a special trip to go. You have to go out of your way. Sometimes books ar eout and reserved for long periods of time delaying access to materials.	35	Canada	
1-Limited hours 2-Distance to travel to get to it	36	Canada	
Government, late fees.	37	Canada	
low tech	38	Canada	
reference books are not accessible at home ie cannot be taken out of the library. too many people around with germs and handling of books and items (I have a weakened immune system so this is a major issue)	38	Canada	College post graduate
hours are not always convenient sometimes hard to find what you're looking for	39	Canada	
you have to go though alot of books to find the information	40	Canada	
Many people think that computers are replacing the need for libraries and books and that libraries are oldfashioned and people would rather read books and magazines and newspapers online. Only nerds, intellectuals and dull people go to libraries, according to some people. They think it is not cool to be seen there.	41	Canada	
Something about libraries, bookstores and video stores gives me vertigo. Can't think of anything else negative, sorry	42	Canada	

Q812b: Negative associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
making the trip to the library parking ease of use	43	Canada	
Fines Waiting lists	44	Canada	
slower access to information restricted hours of access	44	Canada	College post graduate
cost of transportation to get to the library return deadlines/over due fees	45	Canada	
having to wait till the book or movie is available having to have the items back by a certain date	46	Canada	
1--requires travel 2--short rental periods	47	Canada	
always busy.(computers not available,books already out etc). most of the books are old and out of date.	47	Canada	
Books not being there when you need them. People just sitting in there taking up valuable space and time.	47	Canada	
uptight librarians many rules	47	Canada	College post graduate
sometimes you don't have enough time to read the book. not accessible 24/7	48	Canada	
INFORMATION NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE,BOOKS NOT UPDATED REGULARLY	49	Canada	College post graduate
overdue costs short due dates	49	Canada	College post graduate
crowded unsavory clientele in some cases	50	Canada	
limited by funding	50	Canada	
Sometimes can be slow and tedious trying to find the information you need.	50	Canada	
Good libraries are never close enough. Trying to find the material available	51	Canada	
getting there returning books on time	52	Canada	
Sour people to deal with.	52	Canada	
do not know how to look up information	53	Canada	
complex hard to find information	54	Canada	
Where I live it cost a yearly fee to possess a library card and it is cumbersome to get there.	55	Canada	
ease of finding material in books relaxing	57	Canada	
I don't like to go out to get books I want I get overwhelmed by the choice	58	Canada	
Very often research type information is very outdated. There is not enough money to allow the libraries to have all the materials they need.	58	Canada	
paying fines not enough computers	61	Canada	
Waiting in line for computer use	66	Canada	
unable to remove some reference texts out of the library	69	Canada	
bias in selection of materials. political or cultural censorship	79	Canada	
Formal environment Time and distance to physically reach	25	India	
1)Card based rule 2)Might not contain all the latest information.	27	India	
books may not be available at all the times	30	India	
have to return the books on time you have look for information yourself	31	India	
1. lack of latest information. 2. Some books available in libraries are only provided to the members only for reading purpose instead of keeping records etc.	35	India	
Crowded often Materials wanted may not be available, necessitates weeks-long wait in some cases	35	India	College post graduate
difficult to maintain needs professional to maintain	37	India	
time consumed on research & restrictions	39	India	
To have to go to the library Registration process	43	India	
too many books, discipline	44	India	
too crowded, poorly lit atmosphere	48	India	
1. Time consuming 2. Cumbersome to locate information	51	India	
at times too many people too much of talking	51	India	

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Q812b: Negative associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
non-Availability on time ineffective library management	51	India	
One feels tired,boring,time consuming - if the information needed is not exhaustive. sometimes you do not get information that is required.	54	India	
sometimes not getting the books you want,if you have to search for an author	54	India	
to travel long distance not to get what i want	54	India	
At times you have to wait along time to get a book on particular subject. Its avialable for a short duration	55	India	
limited sources	56	India	
noisy fellow readers messy cupboards	61	India	
too crowded; not enough books /info available	66	India	
Sometimes out of date & too many users at a point of time	71	India	
a place to burn time	16	Singapore	High school
old and used books	23	Singapore	
really old old books.	24	Singapore	College undergraduate
a fee required to search for newspaper articles/elctronic journals in the net	27	Singapore	
Pay for late return of books Do not always have the book you want	28	Singapore	
difficult to search books often unavailable	30	Singapore	
1)The borrowing duration is too short 2)Limited 24 hours book drop service	31	Singapore	
response is slow	32	Singapore	
A geek Dull	34	Singapore	
If internet line is down can't source anything Slow retrieval	34	Singapore	
Too many people; need to physically go to the library.	34	Singapore	
location - must take train to library. out-of-stock / out-dated books	35	Singapore	
materials too old, out-of-date loan period too short	35	Singapore	
Not enough resource available for people to use Too many people contributing to the noise pollution	35	Singapore	College post graduate
1. Online checking sometimes not accurate. 2. Not enough resources	37	Singapore	
Troublesome to go to library to get info	37	Singapore	
difficult to find exact source difficult to go to the physical library	40	Singapore	
need to pay fees to gain access to books/articles/journals only extract of books are available	40	Singapore	College post graduate
looking for the right source of information time constraints	44	Singapore	
uncomfortable seats. hardly any cafe for a hot drink or refreshment.	44	Singapore	
boring,quiet	46	Singapore	
unable to get latest materials/books ie have to queue to get popular books/reference books are normally not well kept	46	Singapore	
TOO MANY HOURS SPENT IN FIND THE INFORMATION	47	Singapore	
we get to pay charges to renew the same book. Many books have the pages torn out, esp. the good recipes.	48	Singapore	
You arent allowed to talk haha You have to have a library card to be able to take the books out	16	U.K.	
Annoying librarians Out dated facilities	17	U.K.	High school
You cant eat, drink, or smoke in most libraries Overdue fines Having to return the book	17	U.K.	
Old, dirty, out-of-date books Attitude that THEY are doing YOU a favour by gracing you with their presence, when its YOUR tax pounds/dollars etc. that are paying THEIR wages	17	U.K.	College undergraduate
people regard it as a boring place too much of a chore to go there when you can get the book off the net	19	U.K.	
stuffy moody librarian	20	U.K.	

Q812b: Negative associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
you have to get up and go! Not always the information you need as books may be out on loan.	20	U.K.	
books tend to be shabby, librarians tend to be bad tempered	21	U.K.	
To far away, Hard to find things	21	U.K.	
crowds and noise- queues for using computers- dirty torn books- books out of stock already loaned	22	U.K.	College undergraduate
too far awayand erm pass	22	U.K.	
The book you want is not always there. You have to pay to order a book in specially.	22	U.K.	
old-fashioned, not as accesible as the internet	23	U.K.	
Lots of info to go through Not located conveniently	23	U.K.	
never have the book you want unfriendly staff	23	U.K.	
the silence rule no libarys have toilets and you can guarentee that everytime I walk into the libary, i need to go!	25	U.K.	
too busy sense of elitism about being a member	25	U.K.	
too quiet	25	U.K.	
not 'cool' to go to the library its for old people	26	U.K.	
The book you want many not be in Condition of books may be poor	26	U.K.	
Boring Opening hours are not suited to my study style	26	U.K.	
forgetting to return books on time opening hours	26	U.K.	
paying fines for late books boring	27	U.K.	
Not many people to give advice	28	U.K.	College undergraduate
1) its not always possible to take books back by due date 2) because of hours of buisness its not always possible to browse at will	29	U.K.	
very hard to find the information you need or book looking for atmosphere is not very inviting very cold and quiet	29	U.K.	
OLD FASHIONED TOO QUIET	29	U.K.	
outdated/old books/that goes for my local library anyway//	30	U.K.	
time limits not a wide enough choice of books	30	U.K.	
not having enough computers	31	U.K.	
not easy to search old fashioned	31	U.K.	
reminders and fines books not being available	33	U.K.	
very boring and should be closed thus saving the tax payer	33	U.K.	
only 3 books at a time don,t get the books long enough the book you want is never there	33	U.K.	
Our local one is a bit small and dated. Sometime can't find or don't have what you're looking for.	33	U.K.	
Boring Quiet	34	U.K.	
Tatty old books. Creeping around in case you make a noise and annoy the regulars.	34	U.K.	
stuffy and boring enviroment too quiet to learn in.	34	U.K.	
too quiet, not always able to find info you want	34	U.K.	
Poor selection of books Inconvenient opening hours	34	U.K.	
some sites have to pay	35	U.K.	
not welcoming slow to find info	35	U.K.	
a large number of books are outdated fees	35	U.K.	
going out to look for what you need books already being used by other people	35	U.K.	
i forget to return books on time not easy for me to get to	36	U.K.	
not very child freindly stuffy	36	U.K.	
limited choice of books not always uptodate books	37	U.K.	
Too much info	37	U.K.	
Can be perceived to be: 1) stuffy 2) Haughty	37	U.K.	
mingers in there wasting time sheltering from the weather	37	U.K.	
Old Fashioned Boring	37	U.K.	
finding time to visit fines!!!	38	U.K.	
NOT ENOUGH TIME WITH BOOKS, OPENNING HOURS	38	U.K.	

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Q812b: Negative associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
doesn't have classics on shelves(tho are availabe in storage) sometimes lack of knowledge of staff	39	U.K.	
Unfriendly staff, having to wait a long time for a book or do not have it in any library and have to wait for them to get a loan from outside the area.	40	U.K.	College undergraduate
taking books back fines for late return	41	U.K.	
Opening times Having to book to use internet facilities	41	U.K.	
Customer service leaves a lot to be desired in my local library. Too many 'Local' libraries have been closed cutting down on accessibility.	42	U.K.	
oppressive rude staff	42	U.K.	
Boring Hard to find information	42	U.K.	
accessibility quiet	43	U.K.	
poor state it's kept in limited resources	43	U.K.	
unhelpful staff huge size	43	U.K.	
Opening Hours May not have book/s in stock that I would be looking for.	44	U.K.	
Not sure where to look or find what I was looking for	46	U.K.	
Hours of opening Finding what you want	47	U.K.	
not having item you want having to renew subscription	47	U.K.	
not the right materials	49	U.K.	
boring,oldfashioned	49	U.K.	
Assistants not always helpful. Too short a time limit on borrowing.	50	U.K.	
Internet not always available Staff not up to date with technology	50	U.K.	
to quiet impolite staff	50	U.K.	
time constraint on computer use time to reach library	51	U.K.	
finding time to use it finding the right words to start search	51	U.K.	
Limited stock. Dated, i.e. not up to date.	51	U.K.	
sometimes have to order what i want not open late i.e. after work	52	U.K.	
used books could carry diseases ----	52	U.K.	
Difficulty in parking. Not always convenient opening times	52	U.K.	
Distance from home Not open long enough	52	U.K.	
Inconvenient if you want the information immediately Not a good atmosphere, too sombre	53	U.K.	
fines pages missing	54	U.K.	
HAVE TO TRAVEL HAVING TO SEARCH	54	U.K.	
Due dates -- hate having to feel rushed if I haven't had time to finish reading/researching.	54	U.K.	
Opening hours of library having to order in books from other branches when you need them now	54	U.K.	
Time you have to wait for specialist or more abstruse information Dumb librarians - they tend to be well-versed in 'Arty' subjects but know nothing about scientific topics	55	U.K.	
Costs money if late returning books. Also costs money for some services.	55	U.K.	
Opening hours, I sleep very little Accessibility - library some distance away	55	U.K.	
Too many books to look through. Not open at all the right times.	55	U.K.	
Boring dull	56	U.K.	
The silence was thick. Not necessarily conducive to welcoming atmosphere. It is a long time since I used a public library.	56	U.K.	
there is no toilet in my library so getting information must be quick there needs to be more seats for the disabled	57	U.K.	
not being able to find info required not always open when needed	57	U.K.	
Small libraries don't always have the books required. Opening hours for working people.	57	U.K.	

Q812b: Negative associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
fines queues	58	U.K.	
poor parking facilities at most libraries. quite a lot of books in poor condition	58	U.K.	
queues locating information needed	58	U.K.	
am disabled, and difficult to park	60	U.K.	
Can have a small selection of reference books May have to wait for books	60	U.K.	
HAVE TO LEAVE THE HOME TO GET THIS INFORMATION	60	U.K.	
sometimes find it hard to find something I am looking for red tape.	61	U.K.	
Usually situated in town centres - hence car parking charges. Limited opening hours	65	U.K.	
Lack of funds in our area to purchase new books.	66	U.K.	
Lack of proper funding leads to: failure to keep stock up to date and relevant to local need	66	U.K.	
No means of accessing high shelves if small in stature	67	U.K.	
1. required information not always easy to locate. 2. information etc not always up to date.	68	U.K.	
Too far from were I live.	69	U.K.	
none	71	U.K.	
Slow Remote	71	U.K.	
because of cost-cutting shorter opening hours and less stock	72	U.K.	
when information not available it can take a long time to obtain books from other sources some staff very abrupt	80	U.K.	
boring complicated	14	U.S.	High school
Only for nerds. Bums go there to keep warm.	15	U.S.	High school
sometimes hard to find info and not as quick as the internet	15	U.S.	High school
-when the book you want has been checked out -librarians aren't always the most considerate people	15	U.S.	High school
you have to have a membership you have to have the books back in short periods of time	15	U.S.	High school
policy drivenness	16	U.S.	High school
Researching for school papers Broken down computers	16	U.S.	High school
sometimes too much information	16	U.S.	High school
the stereotypical librarian, the concept that books are uninteresting	16	U.S.	High school
Uncool Nerdy	16	U.S.	High school
Unqualified librarians. Complicated search services.	16	U.S.	High school
BORING!! No fun in library!	17	U.S.	
fines, impatient librarians	17	U.S.	High school
Musty Book Smell A Mean librarian	17	U.S.	High school
old people, old books, fines, outdated information, archaic research tool	17	U.S.	High school
Only losers go to libraries Going to a library for research is outdated	17	U.S.	High school
overdue fines homeless people like to stay there sometimes	17	U.S.	High school
Rude librarians Limited resources	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
Confusing arrangements (Library of Congress system of organization) Not being open 24 hours a day	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
You must be extremely quiet. A lot of people don't like librarians.	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
musty atmosphere overwhelming row upon row of books	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
too quiet, limited selection of books	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
when they are open late fees for books that most people do not check out or have not been checked out in years	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
Books not always available, sporadic and incomplete collections of series of books, often mistreated and therefore disgruntled staff members.	20	U.S.	College undergraduate

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Q812b: Negative associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
clostrophobic, overwhelming number of places to look for information	20	U.S.	
computer technology might be outdated needed materials are not always on-hand	20	U.S.	
sometimes difficult to find information because there is so much of it, sometimes too quiet and that's more distracting than noise	20	U.S.	College undergraduate
Dull Time consuming (looking for books)	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
Fines Hassle of keeping card	21	U.S.	
May not have what you need, not open 24 hours	21	U.S.	
Overdue fees Having to wait for a librarian	21	U.S.	
Sometimes it is very hard to find the books. Sometimes it is difficult to find someone to help.	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
not enough internet control...anyone could go look at porn usually there aren't friendly people working in the library	22	U.S.	
Not enough librarians; Not enough instructions on how to find books/use resources	22	U.S.	College undergraduate
Our library is old and crappy. The workers are cranky	22	U.S.	
Slow reserve response. Limited selections.	22	U.S.	
antiquated, physical	23	U.S.	College undergraduate
Can be overwelming to find what you need in a big library, but small libraries may not have as wide a selection overdue fines	23	U.S.	
government offices homeless sleep in back aisles	23	U.S.	College undergraduate
My taxes keep going up. I think they make the buildings fancier than they need to be.	24	U.S.	
too quiet, maybe outdated	24	U.S.	
You have to pay if you do not live in the city	24	U.S.	
sometimes outdated materials what you want isn't always in stock	25	U.S.	
ridiculous fees for out-of-city-limits patrons rude library staff	28	U.S.	
You have to travel there You have to be quiet	28	U.S.	
dewey decimal system overdue fines	32	U.S.	College undergraduate
books aren't always available traffic	35	U.S.	
liberal bias unfriendly librarians	35	U.S.	
The online card catalogues are harder to use, they tend to be ambigious about what library actually has the book you are looking up - they do not make it clear whether it is the library you are standing in, or a sister library. The librarians are not tech-savy, in my recent experience, and are easily frustrated with questions.	35	U.S.	
Looking and reading an entire book takes too long when the specific information can be gained online in a matter of minutes. Cross referencing takes a lot of time and effort.	38	U.S.	
Out dated materials and limited number of materials	38	U.S.	
Libraries here will start charging for internet. CONSTANT CUTS OF OPEN HOURS and funding for new materials.	41	U.S.	
libraries shrinking due to lack of funding no money to update materials	41	U.S.	
homeless people bad bathrooms	43	U.S.	
Nothing negative about a library. It just can't compete with individuals using computers to get information. The trip to the computer is a few seconds, where the trip to the library is measured in minutes.	43	U.S.	
Not convenient for fast searches.	46	U.S.	
Libraries' books may be old and out-of-date. People who go there for free internet access tie up resources for others.	47	U.S.	

Q812b: Negative associations with library.	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
homeland security monitoring library use government cuts in library funding	48	U.S.	
waiting line travel time	49	U.S.	
unfiltered sites for children unsupervised computer usage for children	56	U.S.	
HAVING TO LEAVE THE HOUSE NOT HAVING WHAT I NEED	61	U.S.	
Grumpy libraiains lack of resourses	65	U.S.	
Looking for jobs on there web sites. Trying to write cover letters on there computers.	65	U.S.	
Dificult in getting a computer to use. Some reference books can't be checked out.	66	U.S.	
our library system has no money to buy new books or materials they need more computers for the public to use	66	U.S.	
high taxes buracracy	68	U.S.	
Now I would find it very difficult to have to travel to a library for information every time I wanted it. Being able to access information from my home with my computer, makes it possible for me to find information I want - whenever I want to without needing time away from my responsibilities at home. I am caregiver to my elderly, ill mother...and would not have the freedom of going to a library at this time.	68	U.S.	
Was given the site, for home use, and it crashed my computer, and I can no longer access it from home. Having to wait for items either from State information exchange, sometimes having to wait for months. By then I've forgotten about what I needed, or I found it elsewhere.	68	U.S.	
Waste money;they never have enough.The budget tripled in one year when the went on puplic money.	68	U.S.	
YUCK...WE HAVE TO PAY \$25.00 A YEAR AS MILLIAGE WAS TURNED DOWN NOT ENOUGH COMPUTERS FOR EVERYONE	68	U.S.	
Average person is not informed enough to be able to research info through card files.	69	U.S.	
Was only allowed on their computer for 30 min. Ours needs more computers.	69	U.S.	
I am handicapped and access is very limited to our library. The ramp is too steep for me to wheel my chair up myself Books are too high up for me to reach	70	U.S.	
When they can't find a book If they don't have what I want	70	U.S.	
Dewey system can be hard to navigate. Also the internet has now put all the librays of the world ay your fingertips	71	U.S.	
Not convenient as computer i/e hours, distance Unwillingness of staff to help with problems	73	U.S.	
1. Has become a haven for the homeless 2. Card/computer files not always up to date.	75	U.S.	
1. State funding always much less than needed so attempts to overcome the shortages of funds make them pander, at times (maybe) 2. Shortened hours and too few books by desirable writers (due to fundngs lack)	78	U.S.	
card system replaced by computers. not always someone there to help find books.	79	U.S.	
Poor quality of audiobooks.	79	U.S.	
I always have to ask information about where to look for the information I need. It is too difficult to find it by myself, because there is so much information....I could waste toomuch time looking for it.	80	U.S.	

Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?

Note: All verbatim comments are presented as entered by survey respondents, including spelling, grammatical and punctuation errors.

Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Have less rules about restricting what you can/can't do - what times you are allowed to visit, not allowed to listen to music through MP3 player/computer, even if you are listening with headphones etc. They seem to be of the belief that having fun is bad.	17	Australia	High school
Needs a more broad range of things, such as Audio Books and Comic books. Also needs more up to date books, new releases.	17	Australia	
To stay as you are there is always someone there to help when its needed.	17	Australia	High school
don't charge for putting books on hold adn let the public request new books	18	Australia	College undergraduate
needs more computers	18	Australia	College undergraduate
Review the current search catalog system as it is hard to find material relevent to the topic you search for.	18	Australia	College undergraduate
classify databases according to faculty. improve the search function of databases. improve signage/layout. extend the size of the room for group meetings (quiet talking and food and drinks allowed)	19	Australia	College undergraduate
good work	19	Australia	College undergraduate
Provide more scientific and skeptical books.	20	Australia	College post graduate
ADVERTISE ON THE T.V OR HAVE ADDS ON THE INTERNET. I THINK SOMEPEOPLE ARE ABIT BUSY AND FORGET ABOUT LIBRARY'S SO IF YOU REMIND PPL BY DOING THIS THEN YOU WILL GET MORE PPL IN.	22	Australia	
more librARIANS WHO NOW WAT THEY R DOING	22	Australia	
Get better digital and audio/visual facilities.	24	Australia	
Give people a reason to go there, rather than use the internet at home.	25	Australia	
make library more accesssible online for off campus students	25	Australia	
transfer more paper based information into digital format. Everything current is, but stuff from 5 or so years ago isnt	25	Australia	
Keep keeping up! You are an invaluable resource/facility in the community. Without you, many people's opportunity/desire to learn & develop would be greatly diminished (think Billy Connelly & Michael Caine's love of libraries)	26	Australia	College undergraduate
A better selection of Audio Books (recent and older books)	27	Australia	
keep up the good job	27	Australia	College undergraduate
improve signage. just having a sign with dewy numbers hanging from the ceiling is not enough.	28	Australia	
easy to read maps available so if you know the section you need you can get there without asking for help	29	Australia	College post graduate
Electronic access for all journals would be very useful to part time students that can't neccessarily cone in during opening hours	29	Australia	College post graduate
Make it more inviting,especially to children.	29	Australia	

Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
open 24 hrs	29	Australia	College post graduate
friendlier staff	30	Australia	
Just keep meeting the publics needs	30	Australia	
get more computers so more people can be online	32	Australia	
a cafe would be nice	33	Australia	
Try to get more funding to upgrade and expand	33	Australia	
Provide more online help for your online borrowing procedure.	35	Australia	
make it fun!	36	Australia	
A quiet reading area perhaps an upstairs area or a closed in area, and the childrens area needs to be brightened up and picket fenced so to speak so it is just for them a happy place to be	37	Australia	
having enough staff to support kids when then are there for research, sometimes they have to wait and in some cases leave	37	Australia	
a more current dvd and video library	38	Australia	
Fewer crappy romance novels, less new age crystal, shakra, spiritual junk and more non-fiction.	38	Australia	
more personal interaction between staff and clients	39	Australia	
improve collection of dvds/videos	39	Australia	
in a perfect world with better funding, some research materials could be more up to date!	39	Australia	
lighten up, make it comfortable and inviting for people.	39	Australia	
liven up the place	39	Australia	
Remain open after people finish work.	39	Australia	
Separate the childrens area from the main area a little more to ensure that the childrens noise doesn't disturb the other users of the library	39	Australia	
Ditch the paper notification of book availability and replace with e-mail.	40	Australia	
Layout of the library should be more lifestyle based and user friendly. It should offer its patrons the wow factor from the instance you walk in the door that this is the place you want to be in and have the comfort and ease to locate what you are after and feel at home and want to spend time there, quality and quantity.	40	Australia	
Relocate to a shopping centre so people don't have to go out of there way to get to you....lazy society that we are	40	Australia	
To be more pro active in helping people research and gain information	40	Australia	
be more friendly	41	Australia	
close while you still have a last gasping breath	41	Australia	
identify peoples needs, instead of thinking of a solution to a problem when the problem has not yet been properly identified	41	Australia	
keep referance books upto date	41	Australia	
NOT SURE,JUST ITS A GOOD PLACE TO SIT AND RELAX AND READ BOOKS AND ALSO TO SIT AND CHAT TO FREINDS,WHILE READING BOOKS.	41	Australia	
Look after the local community and less fortunate a bit better - include them a bit to promote education and literacy in the community	42	Australia	
Make it a quiet place and get rid of places where discussions can take place- it's too hard to concentrate around talkers.	42	Australia	

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Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Books are the heart of a library, so don't cut down on their numbers please.	43	Australia	
Not to library but to those who fund it that we need more money put into purchasing more books	43	Australia	College undergraduate
keep smiling	44	Australia	
Please continue the great service and make internet free. Also; do not let local government close you down. Although sometimes usage may seem low it is still vital that libraries remain an available free source of information.	44	Australia	
Provide a more homey atmosphere. Comfortable chairs. Make the librarians more approachable/friendly	44	Australia	
easier checkout facilites	45	Australia	
happy with liabry	45	Australia	
Increase the appeal to middle aged customers ..	45	Australia	
Provide more sophisticated books.	45	Australia	
Every library should have 'Chinese Language' section.	46	Australia	
Keep up to date information and books	46	Australia	
be more prompt with help to visitors,be more happier less rude.	47	Australia	
extend opening hours	47	Australia	
Keep doing what you are doing.	47	Australia	
modenise	47	Australia	
provide more staff	49	Australia	
Get more librarian help for the students	50	Australia	
have longer hours	50	Australia	
It could be a bit more accessible for independent use by mobility impaired users	50	Australia	College post graduate
Retain good customer service with qualified staff	52	Australia	
centralize and provide a wider selection at a larger more comfortable location big enough to support the demand	53	Australia	
Open longer hours to cater for people who would like to visit after 5pm	53	Australia	
redecorate	53	Australia	
should promote community access - most people don't know about it	53	Australia	
To have more top American fiction available	53	Australia	
when they collect authors make sure they have the whole series as it is very frustrating to start reading a series and find they are not all their in order..	54	Australia	
Maeket more to the socially disadvantaged.	55	Australia	
Smile more	56	Australia	
Wake up to what people have been telling them about some of their staff	56	Australia	
Get mor info on line	57	Australia	
lighten up! get some humour, create more interest/reason for people to come here.	57	Australia	
Have friendly staff who explain how the library works/is laid out to anyone who seems unfamiliar with libraries	58	Australia	
Provide an area for conversations	59	Australia	
Things are changing there is a new bank in our local communittee - Think about providing this small town wih its own resource Library AGAIN.	59	Australia	

Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
When requesting a book be held that the library phones when it is in	59	Australia	
ORDER XTRA COPIES OF POPULAR TOPICS	60	Australia	
Provide more powerful lighting	61	Australia	
CLEAN UP IT IS ALL TO MESSY	62	Australia	
catch up with modern times	63	Australia	
Continue to provide for the range of people in the community	63	Australia	
Provide parking area nearby with handicap space .	64	Australia	
Communicate constantly their features & benefits to help shape Australians and Australia.	65	Australia	
provide more parking spaces	66	Australia	
duplicate the more popular items	68	Australia	
I am happy as things are	68	Australia	
Expand existing computer facilities to suit the new electronic savy younger generation while encouraging elder citizens to become familier with simple electronic processing.	71	Australia	
Hire more young people	15	Canada	High school
Ask the librarian if you can't find a book.	16	Canada	High school
get books from this century!!!	16	Canada	High school
A smile goes a long way. The environment, including the friendliness of the staff, makes a difference for me.	18	Canada	High school
let us eat and drink in the library..or at least designated study areas.instead of no food or drink at all anywhere	19	Canada	College undergraduate
easier method to find material	20	Canada	
Get books that appeal more to a younger generation (20's-30's).	20	Canada	
Be easier to use	21	Canada	College undergraduate
BE FRIENDLIER!!	24	Canada	
be better organized	25	Canada	
better hours open, being closed on sunday afternoons is stupid since so many students doing research need that time to find information, and are turned away	25	Canada	
if thier doing events they need to adverize it more, ive never seen any program or poster in the community about the library	25	Canada	
bring down the cost of library membership. \$10 seems a bit high to the general public...	26	Canada	
Don't shut down for 6 months for renevations.	26	Canada	
allow people to borrow books longer	28	Canada	
library is a very good place to study and do research.	28	Canada	
To have the resources made easier for people to use. I find that it is extremely hard to find what you are looking for without the assistance of the librarian.	28	Canada	
Hire people who really want to be there and will be friendly and readily available to help students who ask for help.	29	Canada	College undergraduate
Allow coffee inside!	30	Canada	
don't let publishing companys tell you what to stock, listen to what your members want	30	Canada	
make it easier to find the information by yourself	30	Canada	
None, they are great	30	Canada	

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find out what your patrons are looking for and try to keep the items as up-to-date as possible.	31	Canada	
Extend your hours (especially on weekends)	32	Canada	
I am currently very satisfied with the services offered at my library.	32	Canada	
make yourself and your services known to the local commnity, make the community WANT to come to the library	33	Canada	
This is only a small library. They need newer books and more books.	34	Canada	
a card that doesn't expire, a plastic card	35	Canada	
Friendlier staff	35	Canada	
free access to the internet currently you have to pay \$1 per half hr	37	Canada	
Attract readers (children and parents) through increasing number of best selling children books	38	Canada	
Be more available	38	Canada	
keep collections up to date	38	Canada	
stop charging for groups to come in and rent space. be more accepting of all age groups and ethnic groups, not just special interest groups who have money	38	Canada	College post graduate
I believe they do a great service to the community... so no advice needed...except to please keep up the great work.	39	Canada	
If it just provides internet services, I can get that at home. Needs to advertise/inform that it has access to all of the most up-to-date reliable research sources or can get them easily.	40	Canada	
To update their technology so that they are current!!	40	Canada	
Please keep more current books available and more foreign newspapers and magazines. Today's reading public come from all parts of the world. They would like to read news about their country in their own language and from their own newspapers and magazines.	41	Canada	
longer hours restrict computer time so that people other than the kids who have suddenly appeared can access them.	42	Canada	
Post the hours the library is open in the local newspaper.	42	Canada	
Arrange seating so students can NOT sit in clusters and socialize. Library is for studying, not socializing.	44	Canada	College post graduate
Be more VISIBLE! Make email lists apparent and available. There are always classes and thing i find interesting but i NEVER find out about them until they are full. Have a electronic bulletin board -- not for discussion -- but for anouncements.	44	Canada	
More comfortable seating. More attractions for adults, it is great for children!	44	Canada	
make a seperate are for kids because they make too much noice	45	Canada	
Need a more well-lit, sunny and bright environment. The library is too dark and cold.	45	Canada	
provide a coffe/snack shop so a person can read, relax and have a treat	45	Canada	
The library that I visited last year and is close to my home has now desided to exclude us from their usage, because of town boundaries. We would have to pay about 145.00 each to stay a member of it. Now the library that we can us is about 30 km away and is not convenient for us.	45	Canada	
Turf out the present city council. Political support is imperative.	45	Canada	

Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Make access to the online search engines much easier. Much of the information I look for does not have enough of a description to really decide whether it is good information, especially if I have to do an interlibrary loan. Mostly the descriptions are too vague. I do research for History, and I find it hard to find 'primary' resources - I usually have to go online for these.	46	Canada	
The library in the town which I live in Ontario needs to provide more English version books	46	Canada	
brochures/pamphlets available to let public know how much information is available at the library and how to access it.	47	Canada	
clean up a bit	47	Canada	
great job but provide better cleaning services	47	Canada	
have a more personnel touch besides a hum drum feeling. and more casual feel and colour to the room.	47	Canada	
Please keep the street people out in the winter months they just come in to keep warm they don't read they just sit in chairs by the window and look outside.	47	Canada	
To get more up to date books and resources and make it easier and faster to borrow from inter library loan	47	Canada	
to make it available to outlying communities and not penalize everyone in a certain community based on the actions of one or two individuals.	47	Canada	
Air filtration- its located above where the fire engines are housed and the gas fumes bother me	48	Canada	
Better signage to direct a new-comer	48	Canada	
Provide more computers for the use of those unable to have one of their own at home or the use of one at work or school	48	Canada	
change the type of lighting to be less hard on the eyes	49	Canada	
have more free computer classes	49	Canada	
keep the doors open	49	Canada	
be more pleasant to people.	50	Canada	
Be open holiday hours. Maybe get relief employees. I know your regular employees are probably union, and therefore would want to take them as Stat days. Maybe at least do a survey to se how many people would like to go to the library during those off days.	50	Canada	
carry on	50	Canada	
keep up good work	50	Canada	
Make it free access always.	50	Canada	
secure more funding	50	Canada	
Be more current	51	Canada	
Less complicated electronic access	51	Canada	
Have human/friendly librarians.	52	Canada	
longer hours	52	Canada	
i think that information on some subjects needs updating	53	Canada	
have a little coffee shop	53	Canada	
Purchase MORE Books. The population has grown so much and the library budget has not!	53	Canada	
relaxing atmosphere coupled with private setting.	53	Canada	
To be honest some of the appeal is still remaining from my childhood days. So try to keep some of the flavour from days gone by.	53	Canada	

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Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
I really can't think of anything, I think the public libraries provide a very good service to the public-- but with using the computer it makes it easier for me to find information I would need on the internet without having to leave my home.	54	Canada	
Knowledgeable Librarian, Easier to get the information required	54	Canada	
more interest in illiteracy.	54	Canada	
get more friendly employees	55	Canada	
more staff would be helpful	57	Canada	College post graduate
Keep up the good work	58	Canada	
My public library is very good and the people there are caring and very knowledgeable. Unfortunately, they need more space and better resources as well as more books, DVDs, etc. I suppose they need to keep working to try to get the money to support their initiatives.	58	Canada	
Aim to become the one-stop-shopping, authoritative and trustworthy source for information i.e. the mother of all search engines.	59	Canada	
choose materials of broader interest	59	Canada	
Obtain more current reading material	59	Canada	
Smile and be more friendly	60	Canada	
better access to free on-line information	61	Canada	
Build a new more up to date building that is accessible to all	61	Canada	
Hang in there! If government (municipal, provincial/state/federal) funding is cut back, take it to the people. Libraries are too important to be left to Governments!	61	Canada	
More computers and more up to date books in my areas of interest please	62	Canada	
They seem to be doing a good job.	62	Canada	
Lower the prices on library cards and up the late return charges.	63	Canada	
Have better access to printers when material is printed from computer	66	Canada	
keep current on technical information and the latest books	67	Canada	
Easier access. Parking is difficult and the number of students using the Library has increased greatly.	71	Canada	
More informal environment is needed	25	India	
To bring out a library website with a whole lot of information. free access to the internet. Bring about new Technologies. Weekly career related programmes. Latest books, magazines and various journals. Bring about CD based approach. Introduction of online systems	27	India	
provide more books for in-depth computer knowledge	30	India	
Be Online and provide remote access from home	31	India	
Allow more inter-library or inter-branch borrowing, charging fees as required.	35	India	College post graduate
be professional	37	India	
there are certain educational materials for kids like ASK ME WHY? which are missing and need to be added	39	India	
should be quieter, more serene, staff should be friendly	48	India	
make use of all the services available well	51	India	
increase the sitting space	54	India	
make available all you have, online	54	India	

Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
expand opening hours	56	India	
Maintenance and upkeep of the books to be improved.	62	India	
Keep abreast with latest publications and buy regularly	66	India	
You can still do better, there is always scope for improvement	66	India	
have more information found in college libraries available.	16	Singapore	High school
Change the computers, it's very slow in my opinion.	19	Singapore	
More reading spaces.	20	Singapore	
Get up to date	24	Singapore	
newer books and magazines	24	Singapore	College undergraduate
get more best sellers rather than keep concentrating on getting books that you think is fit for the library	26	Singapore	
Get better staff.	27	Singapore	
provide more lockers	27	Singapore	
Have more internet terminals	28	Singapore	
They should lower the reservation fee, for example rebates for every third reservation made, since they have made a tidy sum on fines.	28	Singapore	
Get more copies of current and classic bestsellers, then sell off the books to reduce inventory when they are no longer in as high demand.	29	Singapore	
internet access at the snack corners	29	Singapore	
there is nothing really much.	29	Singapore	College post graduate
more resources	31	Singapore	
To extend the borrowing duration and to install more 24 hours book drop	31	Singapore	
to have more computers	31	Singapore	
more friendly user and interactive	32	Singapore	College post graduate
Beef up on knowledge about how to information and help customers	33	Singapore	
Lighten the place so that it won't give a dull feeling	34	Singapore	
More talks and activities for children	34	Singapore	
Organize more activities.	34	Singapore	
Setting up a physical library at major offices can be good.	35	Singapore	College post graduate
Focus on children	36	Singapore	
Better search engines for books available in the library by: 1. Alphabetical Name 2. Author Name 3. Book Name 4. Subject Name	37	Singapore	
OPENING TIMING SHOULD 24 HOURS OPERATION SO THAT CAN CATER TO ALL USERS	37	Singapore	
Turn to be information provider over the net	37	Singapore	
Allow free internet access	39	Singapore	
Check the books in the children's section more frequently. They can get pretty roughed up, and it's not nice to borrow a book to find that it's torn inside.	39	Singapore	
environment should be conducive for visitors	40	Singapore	College post graduate
make reference books more available eg lending out and not simply restrict to in-house use.	40	Singapore	

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make the search for information more user friendly	42	Singapore	
provide more full range of recipe book	42	Singapore	
Extend hours.	46	Singapore	
more new books esp the popular ones	46	Singapore	
TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL FEEL COMPELLED TO VISIT.	47	Singapore	
free access to internet	48	Singapore	
Increase with more technical & Advance Information.	48	Singapore	
Just find that some of the books I borrowed home msometimes have an awful toxic smell. Can the library not stock up such books? The good recipe books of local authors that are on sale in Spore are seldom available but werntern ones are plentiful, how about stocking up more of the local ones since we are after asians & no matter what would prefer more local dishes.	48	Singapore	
Keep it hip and modern	49	Singapore	
Make the librarian friendlier.	16	U.K.	High school
nothing really, i think that the library is good as long as you can find the time to go in there, which unfortunately i don't have as I work full time	16	U.K.	
become more modern and fresh	17	U.K.	
Get videos avaiable to hire	17	U.K.	High school
Make everything more user friendly and geared to a younger generation	17	U.K.	High school
cafe	17	U.K.	
keep up the good work	17	U.K.	
Better environment	18	U.K.	College undergraduate
try not to make the library seem like such an uptight space, people tend to stay away from places that seem like no fun, try brightening up the library with colour and try not to have such uptight staff	19	U.K.	
organise the books somehow - alphabetical, dewy desimal etc	19	U.K.	
be nicer	21	U.K.	
let students borrow books for more than 2 weeks	21	U.K.	College undergraduate
Not to treat young people a less of a person then them.	21	U.K.	
Get some realy comfortable, big armchairs chairs, so that people can relax while they read	22	U.K.	College undergraduate
Train librarians to be more friendly and helpful	22	U.K.	College post graduate
The library is meant to be a quite place at all times - including children!	22	U.K.	
arrange the books in a more practical order	23	U.K.	
be more patient and polite to people	23	U.K.	
get new books in	26	U.K.	
become more up to date - newer books and music	26	U.K.	
extend opening hours	26	U.K.	
open at more convenient times for people who work	26	U.K.	
less strict on enforcing social restrictions eg silence	28	U.K.	
make the atmosphere more inviting and not so clinical	29	U.K.	
TO BE A BIT MORE MODERN IN DECOR	29	U.K.	
could they be open at lunchtimes	30	U.K.	

Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Keep doing what you are doing	30	U.K.	
get more computers	31	U.K.	
provide drinks machine or snack vender encouraging people to stay longer	31	U.K.	
Update your computers and technology	31	U.K.	
More of a cafe feel please	32	U.K.	
more accessible car parking	32	U.K.	
longer opening times	33	U.K.	
increase the time for loans	33	U.K.	
Promote yourselves in sholls and colleges to a higher degree	33	U.K.	
Modernise and publicise more.	33	U.K.	
Just keep young children interested in reading	34	U.K.	
Get the staff to show some respect to lecturers!	34	U.K.	
more up to date wider books available	35	U.K.	
get a coffee shop and meeting room	36	U.K.	
Oblige the council to provide bigger grants and interact more with the community you serve	37	U.K.	
don't charge fines....?!!	38	U.K.	
NONE I LIKE IT THE WAY IT IS	38	U.K.	
Please invest in more books and a better seating area	38	U.K.	
less stuffy	40	U.K.	
Keep up to date with information and services	41	U.K.	
Keep up the good work	41	U.K.	
don't chat behind the desk when i am waiting to hand books in or waiting to have them stamped to take home	42	U.K.	
be more up to date	43	U.K.	
Update the dreary exteriors, I believe this is why people still think they are quiet, old fashioned places to be.	43	U.K.	
They are the experts	44	U.K.	
advertise more to the public in the local papers	46	U.K.	
Provide Parking for mums with toddlers to encourage early reading and literacy	46	U.K.	
Advertise what is available to the public	46	U.K.	
Push facilities better.Make people more aware	47	U.K.	
Stop making it feel like a church	47	U.K.	
better organisation, less clutter, at the moment everything is in disorder	48	U.K.	
modernise	48	U.K.	
more new releases in fiction	49	U.K.	
let's have free photocopying	49	U.K.	
lighten up!	49	U.K.	
make it more accessible	49	U.K.	
advertise its services	50	U.K.	
Helpful Staff..I like to read best sellers give an oppinion to my readers club.....your staff cant provide the top ten list...I can find that on the internet..why should I use you?	50	U.K.	
lighten up	50	U.K.	
Continue to cater only for the cultural needs of native English people.	51	U.K.	
maybe get some books in braille	51	U.K.	

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To e-mail details of local events happening to any readers who may be interested especially events happening in association with the library	51	U.K.	College undergraduate
Have a quiet room with no children allowed for study purposes.	51	U.K.	
Have a beginners class for using the library and computer systems. Better prepared at the beginning ensures better usage.	51	U.K.	
Be more friendly and welcoming	52	U.K.	
Drag yourself into the present century!!!	52	U.K.	
Ask them to increase the access to electronic journals remotely	52	U.K.	
Please keep areas clean and tidy	52	U.K.	
Better opening times	53	U.K.	
ARRANGE A MORE FRIENDLY AREA TO SIT IN, RATHER THAN CHAIRS WHICH ARE TOO LOW	53	U.K.	
Get online as a database and central major resource for downloading digital books to ipods and other portable equipment as this is way of the future like it or not.	54	U.K.	
more helpful signs	54	U.K.	
MORE SEATING	54	U.K.	
A more flexible lending programme, particularly allowing longer lending periods if the resource/book isn't being asked for by someone else. Perhaps a pre-booking/longer-term service might be helpful.	54	U.K.	
have a coffee shop in it	54	U.K.	
Get your reference collection onto the net	55	U.K.	
Smile more	55	U.K.	
become more accessible for people with visual impairment.	55	U.K.	
Expand physically and extend hours	55	U.K.	
To compete more with online technology.	55	U.K.	
Become more modern and attractive with friendly staff!!!	56	U.K.	
Keep up to date with current electronic developments.	56	U.K.	
Libraries need to diversify to keep up with all modern technologies. School libraries are inhibited by funding, very often. They should be warm and inviting places with colourful, useful displays, engaging young people.	56	U.K.	
increase floor space!	57	U.K.	
More late evening opening times	57	U.K.	
keep up with modern trends	58	U.K.	
Make it more welcoming	60	U.K.	
improve customer service	60	U.K.	
provide more in the way of internet access	60	U.K.	
Be more flexible with the rules	60	U.K.	
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK	60	U.K.	
extend loan time	61	U.K.	
Initiate a genealogy section	62	U.K.	
better catalogue access	65	U.K.	
Increase the stock of books and recycle them more often.	66	U.K.	
Cannot fault our local library...no advice required!	66	U.K.	
Provide more help to access high shelves, do not have very low shelves either.	67	U.K.	

Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Research users' interests more and keep lists of latest information (details , location, etc) so that if it does not have the required information, it can obtain it speedily from elsewhere.	68	U.K.	
My public library is excellent and I would hesitate to offer any advice, except perhaps to revert to the 'Dewey' system for ALL their books.	69	U.K.	
Our local library is excellent. Cannot think of any advice from me that would benefit them.	71	U.K.	
Make the library assistants more cheerful	71	U.K.	
Put all fiction on shelves in alphabetical order of author names	71	U.K.	
it needs more space, now too small for the increased population in my area	72	U.K.	
Build a library nearer to my home.	73	U.K.	
the public are there to be served	80	U.K.	
Advance the technology	15	U.S.	High school
better security	15	U.S.	High school
Don't require student ID's	15	U.S.	High school
Expand your collection and get rid of the outdated books...	15	U.S.	High school
Get even more books, and tell me wheather a website is creditable or not.	15	U.S.	High school
get your computer systems more up to date	15	U.S.	High school
help out more	15	U.S.	High school
Improve the web site more--I like the catalog, but if it could reference some sort of rating system it would be even better--I was looking at a new author today who has many books, and I had to go to an internet computer, check on amazon and see which books were most highly recommended, and go back to the catalog to see if they were available.	15	U.S.	High school
keep up the good work	15	U.S.	High school
That more funds need to be spent in the library than on the football team and that they need more books about things going on around us like romance novels and they even need more reference books.	15	U.S.	High school
To allow more activities involved with all different age groups to be involved with the library	15	U.S.	High school
update-make it look newer and hipper. also some of the books are musty so that makes it smell bad	15	U.S.	High school
YOU WERE STUPID FOR MOVING THE LIBRARY OUT OF MY TOWN!	15	U.S.	High school
Advocate teen literacy and literary appreciation, rather than focusing solely on young children and adults.	16	U.S.	High school
Alert visitors when their book is close to overdue. And automatically renew a book if there is no one else with that book on reservation.	16	U.S.	High school
be more attentive to other people.	16	U.S.	High school
Be more hip.	16	U.S.	High school
be more receptive to students looking for information	16	U.S.	High school
don't shut down	16	U.S.	High school
Encourage more funding, as best as you can.	16	U.S.	High school
get a librarian that does not talk on her cell phone when a student needs help	16	U.S.	
get more current entertainment media, and get more indepth/specialised books	16	U.S.	High school

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Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Get some people who know about the books they're lending out.	16	U.S.	High school
Help reduce fines to encourage previously frequent readers to read again at their libraries	16	U.S.	High school
Keep up the good work, the staff is great.	16	U.S.	High school
the librarian to lighten up and relax a little; i wish i could eat lunch in there, that way i could do work and eat at the same time.	16	U.S.	High school
to except people without attitude	16	U.S.	High school
to the librarians dont be so rude	16	U.S.	High school
Try to hire more than just one librarian. This will make helping the students faster and easier.	16	U.S.	High school
try to make librarian more outgoing	16	U.S.	High school
Update the computers and make more books accessible outside rather than the hidden attic.	16	U.S.	College undergraduate
update/new furniture	16	U.S.	High school
A more lively and modern atmosphere.	17	U.S.	High school
Acquire more diverse materials.	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
Assistance should be more readily available.	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
audio books on cd and educational dvds like documentays are great!	17	U.S.	
automatic check-out	17	U.S.	High school
be friendlier	17	U.S.	High school
Be more open and supportive to members of the community you are in.	17	U.S.	High school
Don't get rid of older or more traditionally acceptable materials (books, movies, music) in favor of new best selling things which are often trashier and will not appeal to many people who go to a library as a source for finding relatively purer and more intellectual resources.	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
Don't require the library card if the person has an account.	17	U.S.	High school
escalators	17	U.S.	High school
faster computers	17	U.S.	High school
Get a place to watch DVD's and get some movies and cd's.	17	U.S.	High school
help your librarians look friendly and helpful instead of threatening and bored.	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
Hire more cheerful workers (honestly, it seems as if they're just waiting for five 'o clock to roll around so they can go home and kill themselves.)	17	U.S.	
I really think our library is well done. No complaints.	17	U.S.	High school
I would tell them that they need to higher employees with positive attitudes who want to help people.	17	U.S.	High school
It needs to improve with online notification of due dates	17	U.S.	High school
It would be to make sure librarians are more kind and more willing to help.	17	U.S.	High school
Keep truckin'.	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
Make even the large research books available to check out.	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
make it a cheerier place so people will want to come	17	U.S.	College undergraduate
more staff	17	U.S.	High school

Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
organize the books more like the manner of a book store, it is more familiar	17	U.S.	High school
Reach out to the non-readers.	17	U.S.	High school
relax a bit on the restrictions, provide a place for those working during their lunch to eat and work at the same time	17	U.S.	High school
stop charging customers to use certain services	17	U.S.	High school
They could set up a coffee shop to compete with the 'hipness' of big chain book store companies	17	U.S.	High school
They need to have friendlier people working there.	17	U.S.	High school
This is a hard question, being so involved with my library. I think that there are too many rules for the teens, though. There are around 20 rules posted in the Young Adult room, and that is just ridiculous, not to mention overwhelming for the younger teens that go in there. They have energy levels to the stars, and they are expected to be able to have the attention span to read and actually follow those rules? Yeah right.	17	U.S.	
To be more friendly in assisting in research.	17	U.S.	High school
To EXPAND!! The library is so small, and there aren't very many books. I am afraid of finishing every book in the library and then where would I go?	17	U.S.	High school
Try to appeal to kids more.	17	U.S.	High school
allow more equal opportunities for everyone to use the facilities - do not allow one group to use it for 80% of the time, while the other 20% of the time the other 80% of students are allowed to use it - especially computers	18	U.S.	High school
better lighting	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
Better organization.	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
Find a way to get more computers.	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
Redecorate! This whole sleek, modern look is just ugly. Libraries can keep up with technology without losing their charm.	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
They need to get their attitudes checked, and be friendly to people.	18	U.S.	
to be more nice to the age group of 13-16 year olds	18	U.S.	College undergraduate
bring back the older books	19	U.S.	
COntinue to support education and literacy among the community. When supporting the backbone of the community (education & literacy), don't be afraid to try new things and new methods.	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
do not charge for copies	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
e-mail reminders warning when books are due	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
keep it alive!	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
My public library needs to expand its horizons and add more books that appeal to more people.	19	U.S.	College undergraduate
Nothing. I think that my college library is very well kept. They have the latest information and technology and they have very helpful staff on hand.	19	U.S.	College undergraduate

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Don't let people use their cell phones so close to where people are studying.	20	U.S.	College undergraduate
Don't make the shelves so high, because it makes me only look at what is at my eye level.	20	U.S.	College undergraduate
I judge a store by how soon the employees greet me. If I can make it to the back of the store without a greeting, I leave. The last time I was at the library, I tore up my card and gave it to the employee. No one ever greeted me and I was treated rude. I bought a computer so I wouldn't have to go back. Be nice to people and greet them.	20	U.S.	
stop worrying about being politically correct and make more books that arnt politically correct available	20	U.S.	
add more article databases	21	U.S.	
Add more group study areas	21	U.S.	
don't direct everyone to the card catalog....get up and help them	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
Get more comfortable seating and get rid of the 'no food and drinks' policy so that people want to stay for longer periods of time at a stretch.	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
Have the workers more involoved with the students. For example, I went in the other night and had trouble finding a book. I went down and asked a group of workers, who were might I add, just standing around talking, about helping me find a book. They gave me a general direction on where to go. I still couldn't find it, so I asked another helper, who walked up with me. Ended up it was in a different section. She was great, so helpful and friendly. They should all be willing to help like that.	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
Just to keep up with technology, but they're doing the best they can in these tough times.	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
lower the fines	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
Make a way to search through all of the databases with one search engine, instead of having to search each database individually.	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
Make computers open to people who are studying by taking the people who just play games off when there is a limited number of computers.	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
Offer more children's activities during the school year!!	21	U.S.	
to allow the use of adult sites	21	U.S.	College undergraduate
be less formal	22	U.S.	
hire friendly people	22	U.S.	College undergraduate
keep up on technology (web based support)	22	U.S.	
Keep up the friendly and availble resources that they have.	22	U.S.	
fees are too expensive - i feel that universities as a whole take advantage of students who are already on a limited income. copy fees, late fees, rental fees, print cards, etc. should not be something which the library can profit off of, especially when many of those resources are manditory for one's class.	23	U.S.	College undergraduate
I love audio books, they are a great resource for new moms.	23	U.S.	
I was fully sastified with the library at my university.	23	U.S.	
Just keep on rolling with the times (staying up with what is hip, with new technologies) and keeping things accessible to all.	23	U.S.	
Nothing. Everything is cool like it is.	23	U.S.	

Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
stop using flourecent lighting, it gives people a headache if they have to stay in there for too long	23	U.S.	College undergraduate
The environment is the deterrent. The people who hang out in the library are typically not there for anything other than a warm place to spend the afternoon because they have no other place to go, which is fine except that the library is not a homeless shelter. I do not feel safe going to the library. The main branch is in the middle of downtown, which makes it inconveineient to access from both a parking and safety perspective (even though I only work a mile or so away). I used to enjoy hanging out at the library, especially as a child, as my mom is a librarian. But now that I am older and have access to a plethora of information on the Internet, I just don't see a need for it anymore, especially given the environment.	23	U.S.	
try to offer more programs for the children	23	U.S.	College undergraduate
advertise a bit more; until this survey I didn't really realize that a library might have music, movies, and audio books to borrow.	24	U.S.	
Be more helpful to students and to the locals who are not college students. Sometimes people are not very helpful to the local in the area.	24	U.S.	
Better signage	24	U.S.	
Find some way to help streamline the computer access....	24	U.S.	College undergraduate
I would suggest the library reach out to teens and 20 somethings. They are the group that uses the library least.	24	U.S.	College undergraduate
Update, update, update. Most books are out of date.	24	U.S.	
Get electronic access to older back issues of academic journals or take them out of the annex and put them back in the stacks.	27	U.S.	College post graduate
I'd advise them to hire younger and friendlier staff members in the ADULT section. They have great staff in the kids' section but in the main library (adult materials) it's a bunch of crusty old hags who don't want to help ANYONE.	28	U.S.	
better parking availability	30	U.S.	
Clearly mark areas of the library where specific types of information can be located. For instance, have a small sign at the end of each row indicating the types of information the books will contain, such as gardening, how-to, cooking, etc.	30	U.S.	College undergraduate
a class on how to use the library and to locate books	33	U.S.	
Add a cafe/coffee shop.	33	U.S.	
Do not get rid of the old library buildings. They are full of character and have the best little nooks and corners conducive to exploring thru reading. Not all new things are best!	38	U.S.	
Find a better system of catagorizing fiction books	38	U.S.	
don't let politics and rhetoric dictate your business	39	U.S.	
This is a great service that has been greatly expanded over the years that I have worked at the company -- keep up the good work!	39	U.S.	
advertise' available services and resources	40	U.S.	
Build a parking structure so people like myself who go to the library to do work don't have to pack up everything we have and run outside every hour or two to put money in a parking meter.	41	U.S.	
Stay as current as possible with technology	41	U.S.	

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Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
stay open and keep the good old fashioned books to be held in your hand	41	U.S.	
they do a great job with what they have!	41	U.S.	
try to find funding to expand. The current facility is inadequate and the community has grown	41	U.S.	
Encourage employees to make more use of the library (not just the faculty). Offer programs to the staff community.	42	U.S.	
Create internet cafe type lounges to draw more traffic. Partner with Starbucks. That will bring in the patrons :)	43	U.S.	
Have an online service for selecting reading materials that can be delivered to my home or that I could pick up at a drive through window that was convenient and fast. I would agree to return the materials to a convenient drop box location to save costs.	43	U.S.	
move to a better location	43	U.S.	
allow personal wireless cards for use on library network	44	U.S.	College post graduate
Faster circulation of new books. It usually takes 4 weeks to put a new book onto the shelves.	44	U.S.	
increase hours	44	U.S.	
Offer longer check out periods for educators	45	U.S.	
Subscribe to Rhapsody or iTunes or other music download services.	45	U.S.	
Thanks, they do a pretty good job.	45	U.S.	
Resist U.S. Government intrusion	47	U.S.	
Update your system and inventory.	47	U.S.	
don't let homeland security bully you	48	U.S.	
Accessibility for the disabled.	49	U.S.	
Lose the attitude - librarians seem to think they are anointed keepers of information that is freely available elsewhere	49	U.S.	
MAKE ENVIRONMENT MORE FRIENDLY...ACCESSIBLE	50	U.S.	
Provide training on finding and using the databases which will work best for the individual researcher	50	U.S.	
To be abreast with the needs of the ppl in the area	50	U.S.	
Get a website so that I can see what materials are available in the library.	51	U.S.	College undergraduate
I think this survey is on the right track. The libraries should look at community spaces like Starbucks and Borders, and should also look at the value of online material like Google, and they should try to be more relevant in the current age.	51	U.S.	
Staff could be more courteous and helpful	51	U.S.	
Get a parking lot so people don't have to drive around to find a parking place in the middle of town	52	U.S.	
Try to find a way for materials to be returned on time so others could use them	52	U.S.	
Work to create a bookstore environment	52	U.S.	
Make finding something much easier and the staff more helpful and friendly	53	U.S.	
When there is a new book out, try to get it fast and get plenty of copies so that we don't have to wait months before we can read it, because in my case, I forget about it, or just lose interest in it.	53	U.S.	

Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
Become more welcoming to patrons. We still have librarians who act like they own the whole collection of books and don't want you to borrow them. We have librarians who act like it's a bother to help a patron. BE USER FRIENDLY!	55	U.S.	
Help the physically disadvantaged	55	U.S.	
realize people's time is as valuable as your own and try to help people a little quicker	55	U.S.	
Relax. Let kids enjoy themselves. Let them put their feet up and sprawl on the floor. Let them enjoy reading now so they'll enjoy it forever.	55	U.S.	
Run the library like a bookstore	55	U.S.	
Establish a Learning Commons like the one at University of Arizona, Tucson	56	U.S.	
A little more friendly, courteous workers	57	U.S.	
bring back the old card catalog	57	U.S.	
The public library has met or exceeded all my needs - the advice would be to keep up the good work	57	U.S.	
I like all the help I received when I needed it.	58	U.S.	
I think the biggest problem with public libraries is they're short on funding, which is sad. Maybe an auction like our local PBS stations to raise money. It's always about money isn't it?	59	U.S.	
Don't know. Our community college library is excellent. Perhaps a larger CD collection.	60	U.S.	
Keep the handicapped parking area and path to the door ice free. I know that's an almost impossible task here in MN.	60	U.S.	
Our library staff is very busy and help is difficult to get while there. I always have felt that I am an imposition if I ask a question. This needs to change to a more friendly environment to encourage more visits.	61	U.S.	
Do not charge for a library card	62	U.S.	
make everything free	62	U.S.	
Make information available as to what kinds of materials and services they have available to the public.	63	U.S.	
I'd have it set up more like Barnes & Noble with comfortable chairs and a coffee shop.	64	U.S.	
Put your resources into buying more books.	64	U.S.	
Don't let politics or politicians influence any of the activities that occur there.	65	U.S.	
Nothing - just don't have the time right now to use as I hope to in the future.	65	U.S.	
STAY OPEN LATER	65	U.S.	
You are doing a good job with the funds provided.	65	U.S.	
get faster computers-or connect to faster servers	66	U.S.	
I think there is a core element that uses the library over and over. They need to find ways to attract those who are not inclined to go to libraries. There is a large population that has probably never been to a library and has no idea what they offer.	66	U.S.	
replace outdated scientific and technical books	66	U.S.	
Stay friendly, and help those who need it to find things.	66	U.S.	
Update audio books -- Make newer books available.	66	U.S.	
you are doing a great job! keep it up!	66	U.S.	
Build a bigger building and update all electronic devices.	67	U.S.	

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Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
keep it free	67	U.S.	
Nothing but to keep up the good work for people who need it	67	U.S.	
Open a branch closer to my home	67	U.S.	
Personnel could be more helpful, friendly	67	U.S.	
update checkout procedures	67	U.S.	
I think that the library is doing a good job in what it is doing. I have absolutely no advice for them. As far as I am concerned everything is great there.	68	U.S.	
keep u[the good work - maybe get more large print books for those with visual impairments	68	U.S.	
Don't let budget cuts cause you to have to close your doors.	69	U.S.	
Extended hours, particularly opening before 10:00 am.	69	U.S.	
LET PEOPLE KNOW WHAT YOU CAN PROVIDE IN MAILINGS TO RESIDENTS OF THE AREA. SOME OF U.S. TEND TO FORGET ABOUT THE RESOURCES OF THE LIBRARY	69	U.S.	
You're doing fine for the clientele that need you.	69	U.S.	
Entice the younger generation to read more	70	U.S.	
figure a way to sit books so that the titles are not on their sides. Kills my neck to try and read what is there. So no longer go.	70	U.S.	
keep growing	70	U.S.	
Library is small and old, county just purchased land to build a new facility. Hope they will keep the friendly and knowledgable attitude in their employees	70	U.S.	
Start up the library bus again.	70	U.S.	
Stay open and encourage children to read.	70	U.S.	
That library is a thousands miles away.. and is probably a hundred times bigger than when I went there 55 years ago !!!	70	U.S.	
Advertise more in local papers	71	U.S.	
Keep pushing for more funding	71	U.S.	
More and expanded diverse selection of books on cds- I use them while traveling, and have 'read' most of the ones in my library, now. I do trvel a lot. the library has a more expansive assortment of books on tape than CDs.	71	U.S.	
THANKS FOR BEING THERE.	71	U.S.	
Stop wasting money on building more branches when you don't have the money to buy the books for the shelves. You already had a library headquarters and built a new one duplicating the offices, the auditorium etc merely because it was in an are with political and financial pull. The shelves of the new library are only 20% filled. The exsisting library resources are inadequate, much of the books are mysteries, romances and general crap. Current non fiction is limited. Research materials are out of date and limited in scope.	73	U.S.	
Publicize their activities more and schedule more events that will attract more people.	74	U.S.	
Being able to order books to pick up from the web site at no charge.	74	U.S.	
make all materials available to all members of the county library system	74	U.S.	
aides are knowledgeable, could be friendlier	75	U.S.	
Build a branch closer than 5 miles away!	75	U.S.	
just keep on doing what you are doing	76	U.S.	

Q1240: If you could provide one piece of advice for your library, what would it be?	Age	Geographic Region	Student Status
keep on adding things which are available via the internet for those of us who depend on it.	77	U.S.	
Spend more money on books and less on surroundings	77	U.S.	
Add more genealogical materials	78	U.S.	
CONTINUE WITH WHAT YOU ARE DOING	78	U.S.	
To buy more books by an author who has produced more than one popular book, but library has only one of his works. Money is the problem; they can't help having to restrict their purchases.	78	U.S.	
Check quality of audiobooks.	79	U.S.	
Encourage citizens to support and press for a larger budget support for libraries.	79	U.S.	
Nothing. I just like it the way it is. It's great!	81	U.S.	
Take a bow	86	U.S.	

