LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Architecture
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

Location: Main Street Library
Date: 18 March 2019

Q: Hands-on learning – what would you like to learn next?

- Arts Activities
  - Woodworking
  - Painting
  - Pottery
  - Theater
  - Music opportunities
    - Shows
    - Recording/studio time
  - Dancing lessons
  - Crafts
    - Cupboards with materials
- Technology (noted 3 times)
  - Digital workshops
  - Hack-a-thon
  - Kids activities
    - Pokémon club/other types of activities
    - Art projects
    - Hands-on → getting kids accustomed
  - Gaming activities
  - Trivia night
  - STEM skills
- Community connections
  - "what's going on in town" and how to get involved
- DIY instruction
- Presentations in Library Gathering Space
  - Tech demonstrations
  - Teachers could help over shoulders
- Conversational Foreign Language
  - Portals to people in Foreign Country Library (see PORTALS by sharedstudios.com)
  - Hire librarians that can facilitate multiple types of activities
- Handyman Skills/Trade Skills
  - Fix it stations
  - Manuals
  - Homeowners 101
    - Plumbing, heating, landscaping

        - HGTV
    - Tool-Lending Library
        - Snow rake
        - Pot-holing
        - Hammer drill
- Nature-related
    - Bee keeping
    - Fruit trees
    - Gardening
    - Kane St. garden
    - Spring bulb planting
- Oral Histories
    - Story lab
    - Archives
    - Historical Society partnership
- Maintaining Digital History
    - Digitization
    - Preservation
    - Back-ups
    - Safes

**Current strengths: tech help

Q: Something new – what new thing would you like to see in the library?

- Music
- Trivia (multi-generational)
- Art display – e.g. Octoberfest photo, gallery space
- Coffee shop!
- Genealogy workshops
- Public businesses such as SALES meetings
- Monday night movies (exit through separate door)
- Outside bistro on weekends
- Community police presence
- Community presentations/Community Event Space
    - General lectures to bring in larger crowds
    - Monday Morning @ Main
    - Acoustics
    - Larger
    - Lighting/sound
    - Flexible sizing of space
    - Pop-up programming
        - Bikes
        - Plumbing

- New to La Crosse – welcome events, speed-dating for seniors
- Events that would assuage isolation – senior center?
- Caregiving option at library/intergenerational
    - Parenting place
    - Western and UW-L Early Childhood Ed.
    - Preschool/nursing home partnership
    - Return to community
    - Multigenerational
    - Drop-in care
    - Nursing space
- Natural light
    - Good lighting
    - Comfortable, inviting furniture
- Permanent installation of history (wall)
- Audio/Video Recording Studios

Q: Exterior space opportunities – what outdoor amenities would enhance the library?

- Outdoor movies
- Sidewalk labyrinth
- Outdoor performance space
    - For kids (noted 3 times)
        - Children's theatre
        - Children's outdoor story time
        - Outdoor classroom for kids (circles, etc.)
    - School, theatre partnerships
- Outdoor gathering space
    - Tables and chairs
    - Covered – fully or partially
    - Perhaps attached to a coffee/shop
- Parking (noted 2 times)
    - Look for creative multifunctioning space
    - Dual-use
    - Multi-level parking
    - Ramp
- Winter feature idea?
    - Accessible to everyone
    - Urban
- Expand green spaces to Main St.
- Purchase contiguous properties (i.e. Apt. So.)
- Awning for patio
- Push out to Main Street and use large windows.