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
  o Parenting place
  o Western and UW-L Early Childhood Ed.
  o Preschool/nursing home partnership
  o Return to community
  o Multigenerational
  o Drop-in care
  o Nursing space
• Natural light
  o Good lighting
  o 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
  o For kids (noted 3 times)
    ▪ Children’s theatre
    ▪ Children’s outdoor story time
    ▪ Outdoor classroom for kids (circles, etc.)
  o School, theatre partnerships
• Outdoor gathering space
  o Tables and chairs
  o Covered – fully or partially
  o Perhaps attached to a coffee/shop
• Parking (noted 2 times)
  o Look for creative multifunctioning space
  o Dual-use
  o Multi-level parking
  o Ramp
• Winter feature idea?
  o Accessible to everyone
  o 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.