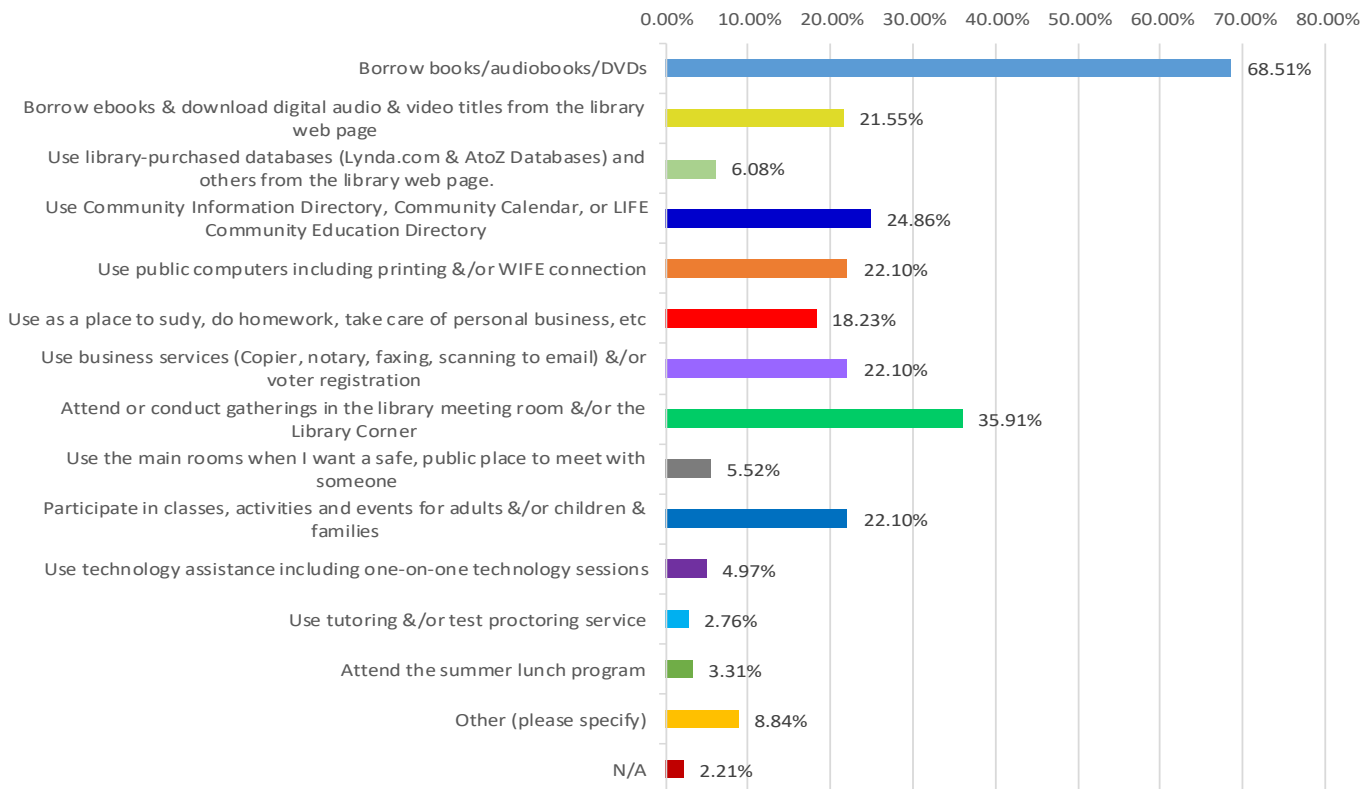


**Community Response to  
Dorothy Bramlage Public Library  
Paper and Online Survey**



# 1. How do you & your family currently use the library?



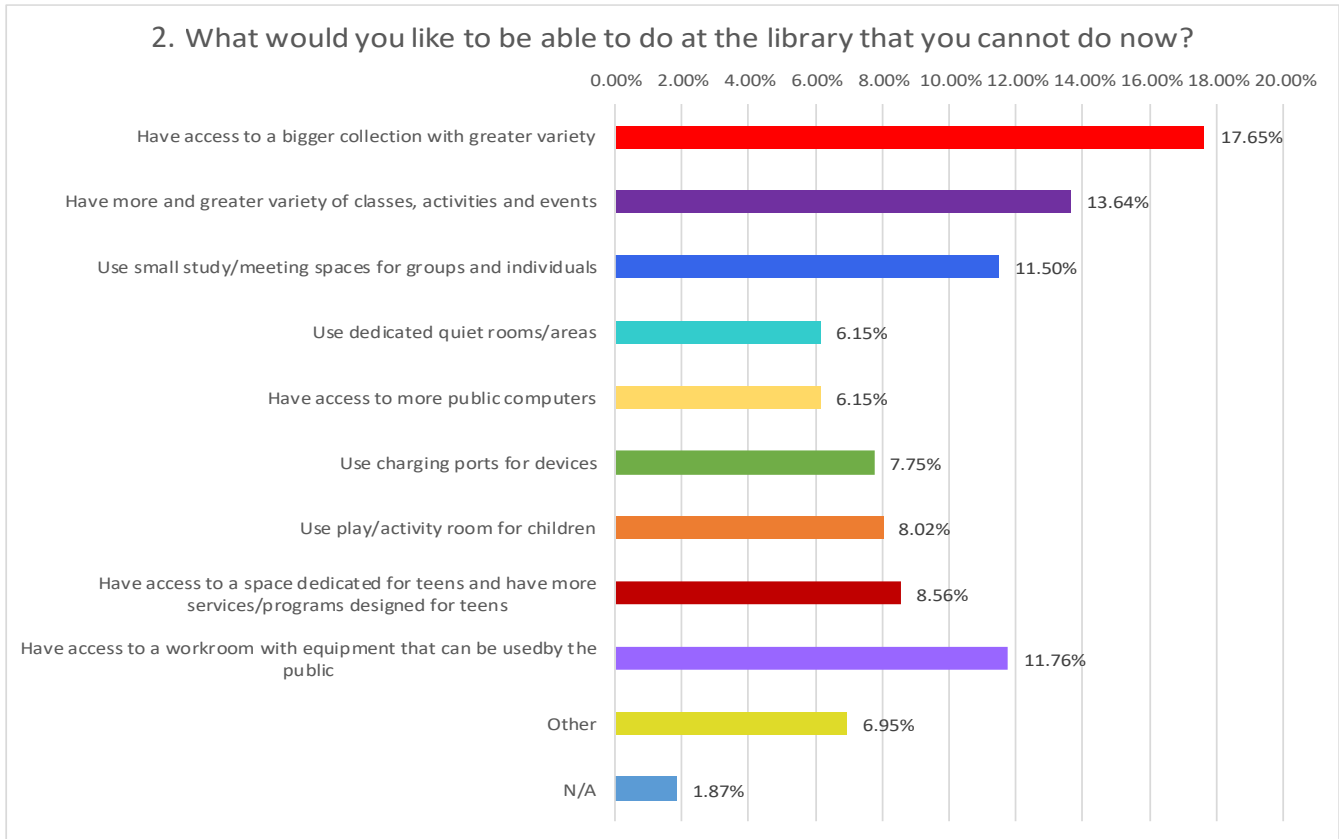
	Borrow library material	Borrow ebooks & digital audio/video	Use library-purchased databases	Use Community Information resources	Use public computers/WIFI/printing	Use as a place to study, do homework, etc	Use business services	Attend or conduct gatherings
Paper	45	13	2	12	13	13	19	24
Online	79	26	9	33	27	20	21	41
Totals	124	39	11	45	40	33	40	65
	68.51%	21.55%	6.08%	24.86%	22.10%	18.23%	22.10%	35.91%

	Use the main rooms	Participate in classes or activities	Use technology assistance	Use tutoring &/or test proctoring service	Attend the summer lunch program	Other (please specify)	N/A	Totals
Paper	0	20	5	2	2	5	2	177
Online	10	20	4	3	4	11	2	310
Totals	10	40	9	5	6	16	4	487
	5.52%	22.10%	4.97%	2.76%	3.31%	8.84%	2.21%	

## Other:

- ◆ Free book shelf, free magazines
- ◆ We don't
- ◆ Frequently use interlibrary loan
- ◆ Read the newspaper
- ◆ Book sale
- ◆ Scholars bowl
- ◆ Buy books
- ◆ Don't use the library
- ◆ I like the books you have for sale. And the free magazines and books in the entry. It is great!!
- ◆ None
- ◆ Participate in summer reading program
- ◆ Do not have a use for the library
- ◆ None
- ◆ Purchase books from sale
- ◆ As I work in Ft. Riley, most of my interaction with DBPL is work related; I live in another community and use the library there more for personal needs.

## 2. What would you like to be able to do at the library that you cannot do now?

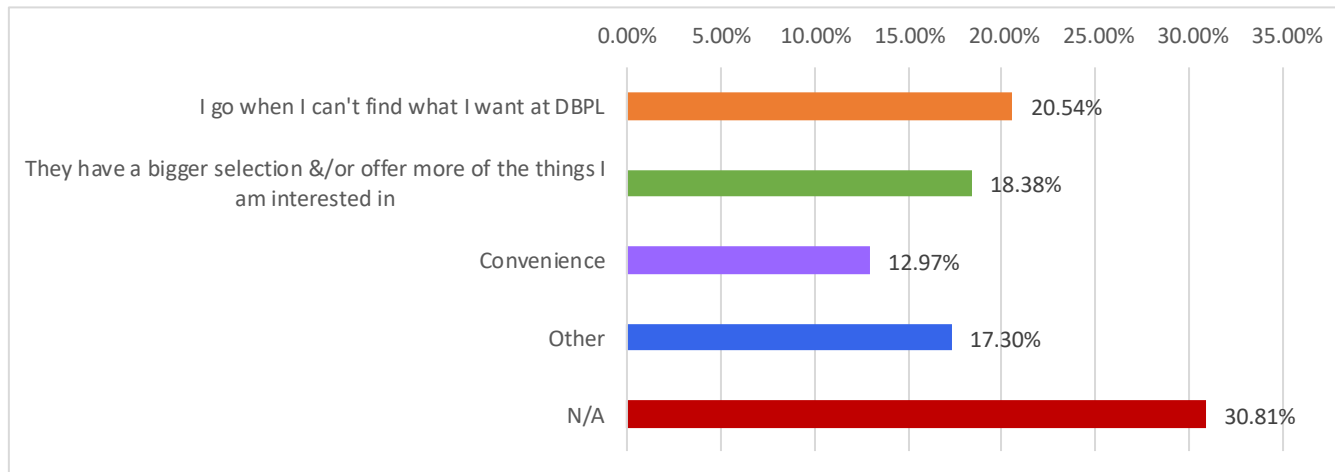


	Access to a bigger collection	Greater variety of classes, activities	Small study/meeting spaces	Quiet rooms/areas	More public computers	Use Charging ports for devices	Use play/activity room for children	More services/programs for space for	Public Workroom	Other	N/A	Totals
Paper	17	12	16	8	5	7	11	9	9	11	0	105
Online	49	39	27	15	18	22	19	23	35	15	7	269
Totals	66	51	43	23	23	29	30	32	44	26	7	374
	17.65%	13.64%	11.50%	6.15%	6.15%	7.75%	8.02%	8.56%	11.76%	6.95%	1.87%	

### Other:

- ◆ An easier system to borrow from another library through lending library
- ◆ Could use more comedy DVDs
- ◆ Ability to check out materials electronically by myself
- ◆ I'm 63 & I need a stool to look at books on bottom shelves free book & magazines. Stool with wheels I can slide from shelf to shelf.
- ◆ Purchase books
- ◆ Sufficient for me
- ◆ Too many homeless people sleeping & hanging out there
- ◆ Drink water when I'm here
- ◆ Have more movies from J.C. true stories-When J.C. first had all their 1st businesses. I would like to know about how they first got started-who they were & helped them chose their location-if it was family oriented or they inherited it or if they got outside help to-from the banks. Also to know why they chose this city.
- ◆ More comfortable chairs
- ◆ The library provides for my needs for right now
- ◆ Have more time to use the library more often. What we have certainly serves, & exceeds my needs
- ◆ Use to promote business products
- ◆ Have some place that is available for private tutoring. Sitting in the main room is too loud and a distraction
- ◆ Meet single women
- ◆ Have a space specifically dedicated to young adults/teens with learning disabilities that are not always able to control their voice tone or level in a quiet setting. Furniture adaptable for bigger special needs children/young adult to listen to music or read a book. Biggest disadvantage.
- ◆ Do not have a use for the library
- ◆ Update to library for book reports for Master's Degree, most reports want information from books 2012 to date
- ◆ Have some computers that can be used for an extended period of time when doing important work. It seems I'm run off the computers for school children that want to just play games and use social media. An alternative need to be initiated for this issue.
- ◆ Don't know as I seldom use the library. I read off my Kindle.
- ◆ Outside activities lunch & learn, seasonal events outside, girl or boy scout events, 4-H, picnic tables

### 3. If you use any libraries other than Dorothy Bramlage Public Library, what are the main reasons that lead you there?



	I go when I can't find what I want at DBPL	They have a bigger selection &/or offer more of the things I am interested in	Convenience	Other	N/A	Totals
Paper	7	6	8	11	35	67
Online	31	28	16	21	22	118
Totals	38	34	24	32	57	185
	20.54%	18.38%	12.97%	17.30%	30.81%	

#### Other:

- \*On post closer to where I work
- \*Interlibrary loan
- \*I can go out of town and I can have any type beverage as long as it has a top
- \*More comfortable
- \*Just Sunflower
- \*We have the greatest library here in J.C. Only one for me
- \*I still go through DBPL but do the interlibrary loan
- \*School library
- \*Manhattan Library-for area meetings and training

- \*I am there (Manhattan) 3 days each week. DBPL is still my library
- \*Kids play area
- \*\*N/A
- \*\*None
- \*\*I live out of town and work in town.
- \*\*I don't go outside of DBPL
- \*\*Research
- \*\*Don't use
- \*\*People aren't as trashy in Manhattan.
- \*\* E-library

### 4. What do you think the library of the future will look like and what will you be able to there?

- ◆ Lots of online/virtual resources
- ◆ Community Center
- ◆ Coffee Shop
- ◆ The future library will be a place for all people with books, technology & resources. It will be open,
- ◆ Expansive & with room for community activities & events.
- ◆ Bigger
- ◆ I hope it's always available, and continues to feel as homey as it does now. I LOVE this place!
- ◆ No books/ All Technology-I am not interested in computers
- ◆ No old books to treasure
- ◆ No magazines
- ◆ Large print items-NOT
- ◆ Fills my needs now

#### 4. What do you think the library of the future will look like and what will you be able to do there? (continued)

- ◆ Probably have more of the things listed on #6
- ◆ More computers everywhere
- ◆ Charging ports
- ◆ Ways to read more digital
- ◆ A way to get a book from another library online
- ◆ It's fine just the way it is-not big, not crowded, plenty of books plus I enjoy the staff-very friendly, hospitable and helpful. My favorite is the free books etc. in the front entrance & their books sales. This is the 1st library I've been to that offers us, the public, this. And I've been to many libraries outside of J.C. and no other places does this.
- ◆ Much like current libraries with additional services, more programs and more opportunities for the tech challenged to keep up
- ◆ More individual areas-more arts and crafts-monthly themed displays-a multi-media room with a large flat screen TV on the wall that could be used for viewing DVD's, TV, projector sheets, CD's-more educational programs- study hall/quiet room for teens and adults
- ◆ Don't know
- ◆ It will be completely virtual
- ◆ Got great help when need it
- ◆ I think it will have many more eBook's (digital items) audio books, etc.
- ◆ I foresee a large kid's area, quiet room for student/ children for reading books (large room?)
- ◆ Digital library at home
- ◆ More digital more online books
- ◆ More meeting spaces, community meeting spaces
- ◆ Large open areas, private areas
- ◆ Drive up to pick up items
- ◆ Should be more electronic
- ◆ Technology information and classes, genealogy research on line
- ◆ Larger facility with more resources.
- ◆ I fear hard books will go away-----and electronics will replace the paper books
- ◆ Use of computers for more activities and reassign!
- ◆ More technology
- ◆ I think the future for the library is hopeful. As long as it stays modern and up to date with the youth because I believe as long as young people are visiting the library daily the better the library is in the long run. Yes, I know schools have libraries in them most of the time, but if the schools schedule visits for the students to visit the library where they can create library cards and sit, read, or visit with their friends it may become a place they will love to visit and study their school work.
- ◆ Hopefully with a bigger selection of books and less of a restriction once someone gets a new card. Limiting to a certain number of books the first check out was disappointing.
- ◆ Bigger more current selection of DVDs and audiobooks. More rooms to use for meetings. More programs for children and room to have them
- ◆ No idea
- ◆ Gather. Use a variety of digital resources
- ◆ Build on. A much bigger space that is a clean/safe facility for our community.
- ◆ While I don't need the services myself, I hope the library of the future will offer more services to children and teens. I would like to have access to coffee/soda will enjoying library services. I would like to see areas where small groups could meet for discussions or activities.
- ◆ Designated media and computer room
- ◆ Books Gone only computers
- ◆ On line classes, video conference
- ◆ I would like a quieter library. People at times feel like they can visit as if they were at a bar . Their conversations are distracting & staff appear to allow certain people to do this but not others.
- ◆ With technology I believe the future is wide open on what the future libraries will look like.
- ◆ A place to learn about and borrow technology, with digital resources for those who cannot get to the library building.
- ◆ More inviting, fun, comfortable, with coffee shop/ pastries or deli.
- ◆ Do everything online from my home. Stream videos, books, etc. Think the physical bldg. will strictly be used, as it is now for those less fortunate.
- ◆ If we had a library like the one located in Manhattan that would benefit us as a community big time
- ◆ Not sure
- ◆ I think they will eventually be online
- ◆ It will be reduced in size because less and less people are going to the library because of the technology in today's world we have internet access without going to the library.
- ◆ Our library is fine.
- ◆ It needs to be self sufficient and not use tax dollars.
- ◆ Larger number of computer access and a two story library
- ◆ I am not sure. Technology is moving so fast that I cannot begin to think what the future will hold.
- ◆ Idk
- ◆ Please do not change the library - we need real books.

#### 4. What do you think the library of the future will look like and what will you be able to do there? (continued)

- ◆ I think books will all be electronic (I'll hate that).
- ◆ Hope the same...something about the smell of books.
- ◆ I think they should have some small rooms available for private tutoring
- ◆ A place for homeless people to use the internet.
- ◆ The only change I would like to see is book sections according to category, all Sci-Fi in Sci-Fi section, romance in romance section, etc.
- ◆ Accommodations (furniture/equipment) and programs for young adults with special needs/developmental delays. Family activities for older children and parents.
- ◆ Hopefully stay open
- ◆ More books of a variety of authors for reading and audio
- ◆ Facility could use a facelift.
- ◆ I think, honestly, that a library like the JC Library will end up closed. The selection is very limited and with e-books available, people can get things via other media easily. The classes and things could be done via a community center. Unless something is done, I don't see much of a future for a public library. Sorry.
- ◆ More activities, larger selection, more comfortable areas for the public.
- ◆ More electronics
- ◆ I think libraries should be a BIG part of any community.
- ◆ I hope that the library would move towards a place that would allow high schoolers to get together and work together on projects in a quiet, workable spot
- ◆ Due to advancing online availabilities, I do not believe that libraries can be sustained. Further, I do not believe that much, if any, taxpayer money should be spent on libraries.
- ◆ Not really sure
- ◆ Paper books will be obsolete and ebooks will be the main reading avenue. Library's will be used for public use computers.
- ◆ More computer labs to service the needs of the community. There still is a number of low income families that do not or can not afford books or computers.
- ◆ The Library will be the hub of the community and will be the first resource people think of for a variety of activities and needs.
- ◆ Online
- ◆ Something like Kansas State Library
- ◆ A more of a social setting and not so institutional looking-softer lighting and a way to access all info from home at any time. Probably less hardcopy of everything and more availability online-the ability to network to other libraries from home with my DBL account
- ◆ Similar to now, but probably more technology based with very few hard bound books
- ◆ The library of the future should look like this: <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2014/01/what-the-library-of-the-future-will-look-like/453936/>
- ◆ More digital resources. "Going to" to library remotely.
- ◆ I don't know
- ◆ No ideas
- ◆ A larger space for everything the community will use
- ◆ Still has books, but much greater presence of technology, screens, meeting areas
- ◆ I like it the way it is.
- ◆ More e-books
- ◆ Reach other communities in other countries to share & exchange ideas with other library patrons. I hope libraries of the future will keep their same structures.
- ◆ Many computers and technological assistance; device check-outs like e-readers, laptops, hot spots, etc.; community spaces for group meetings and classes
- ◆ The library of the future would have access to any book that was ever written.
- ◆ They will be more like a full-service community center with classes, work rooms, etc.
- ◆ More space! Quiet circulation area apart from computer area, testing area.
- ◆ Provide drinks and snacks - library cafe
- ◆ Have areas like workrooms where they can collaborate