

# 2023 Rosendale Library Facilities Survey

# **Executive Summary** Majority of respondents:

- were library users
- Iove the staff and programs at the Rosendale Library
- believe that the current library building is too small, lacks essentials such as a children's room, a community room, two toilets, and adequate parking
- would be willing to consider a tax increase to expand or relocate the library

## **Data Collection Methods**

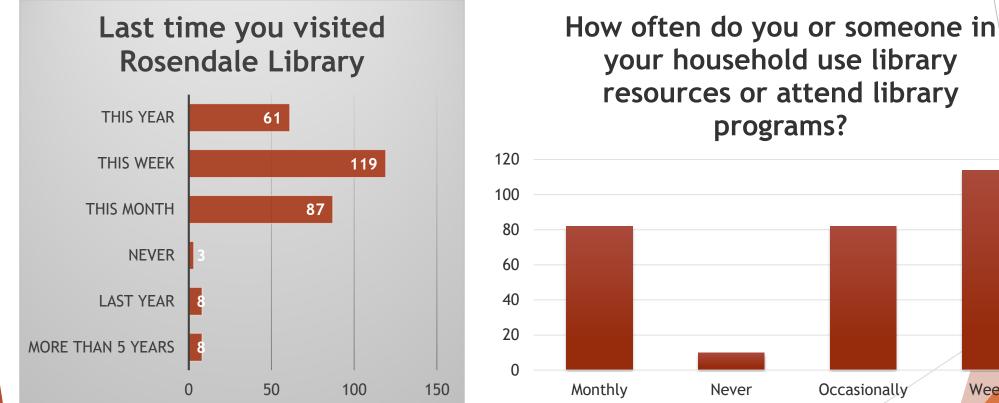
Survey open October-November 2023

- Mailed in printed newsletter to all 3711 households and businesses in Rosendale
- E-mailed to 1033 e-news subscribers
- Distributed at library
- Administered in parking lot at MyTown Marketplace

283 Unique Responses

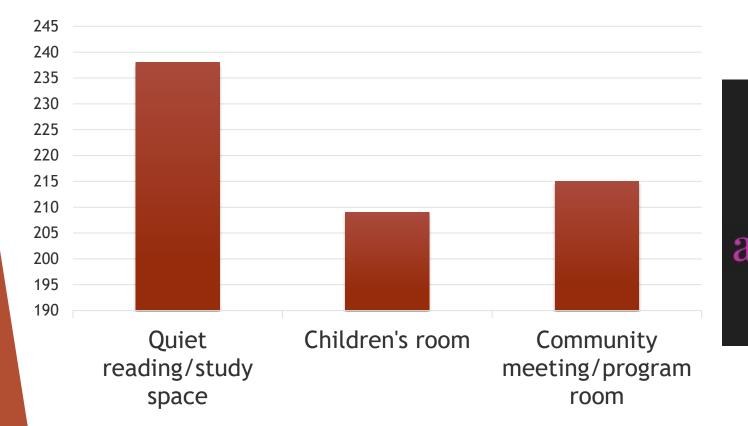
## 84% of Respondents Rosendale Residents

## Majority of respondents were library users



Weekly Occasionally

## **Essential Library Facilities**



#### fax Space book bathroom parking adequate parking access computer

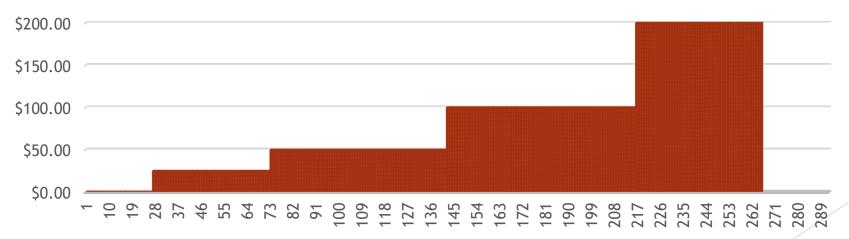
Additional essentials (word cloud)

# **Current conditions**



# Funding library expansion or relocation: Majority of respondents in favor

SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC VOTE, IF A CAPITAL PROJECT WAS PROPOSED TO RENOVATE, EXPAND, OR RELOCATE THE LIBRARY, WHAT INCREASE IN YOUR YEARLY REAL ESTATE TAXES MIGHT YOU BE WILLING TO SUPPORT?



## Next steps

- In 2024, the library is updating its plan of service. The current plan covers 2020-2024.
- In 2024 the library board will do outreach to learn from residents what their priorities are for their public library.
- In 2024 the library will conduct a feasibility study to determine the cost of suitable expansion plans and possible relocation sites.
- By the end of 2024 the library board hopes to have a feasibility study to present in order to gather input from Rosendale residents.

## Additional Comments offered:

- Many people offered additional comments and suggestions which are on the library's website
- https://rosendalelibrary.org/files/2024/02/Additi onal-Comments.pdf