Executive Summary

Majority of respondents:

- were library users
- love 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

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How often do you or someone in your household use library resources or attend library programs?

- Monthly
- Never
- Occasionally
- Weekly

- Weekly: Bar graph showing highest frequency.
Essential Library Facilities

- Quiet reading/study space
- Children's room
- Community meeting/program room

Additional essentials (word cloud):
- book
- parking
- adequate parking
- computer
- space
- bathroom
- fax
- comfortable cushioned chair
- access

Bar chart showing the relative importance of each facility.
Current conditions

- **Bottleneck Entrance**: A narrow corridor that could limit access.
- **Single Toilet**: A restroom with limited space.
- **9 Parking Spaces**: Adequate parking availability.
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/Additional-Comments.pdf