I. What aspect of the project are you most excited about?

Make new technologies more accessible to the community

a library like Helsinki or Gilroy

a place where staff can do their jobs to fullest potential

A new fresh space (in contrast to old library)

integration of community through sharing of spaces - housing, outdoor space, library, childcare, and having all these amenities share a building

an updated library

a place for lifelong learning

Places to use new technology, maker spaces, video editing

A place for staff to use updated technology to help patrons

outdoor meeting spaces

a variety of spaces within the library (quieter, larger, different uses)

a place to express yourself, as well as check out books

Better meeting spaces (S.C. has a shortage of meeting spaces)

modern, clean, light & bright library

outdoor space - especially the renovation design

II. What types of events would you like the library to hold?

Keep doing what they're doing! Library has put on a lot of amazing events

technology classes (tech for seniors)

meeting space not dependent on library hours (early & late)

music classes

all sorts of performances, from more intimate to larger

Community Room use after hours (w/ independent entry)

book club (±15 people)

Music concerts

smaller performances that would be otherwise difficult to find a venue for

Space for political meetings (larger than PD meeting room)

Storytime for kids

opportunities for community music, participatory music

III. What is one feature that would make you more likely to use the library?

WiFi & public computers (desktops & laptops)

access to computers for those that don't have them

tool lending library (construction, gardening, homewares)

musical instrument lending library

tutoring services

touchdown space between appointments

series learning (on-going classes)

Santa Cruz "TED talks"

Genealogy space

IV. What words would you use to describe the current downtown library?

disgusting

dated

great location

major code issues

beloved by a lot of the community

trying hard

inadequate

wonderful staff

intimidating

underutilized

tired

hated by a lot of the community

V. How would you describe an inviting area to read in the library?

- comfortable
- reading tables
- large windows w/ good views
- inviting reading area for teens - teens want a space that feels like them
- comfortable temperature
- well lit
- work tables
- indoor and outdoor
- cushy chairs
- variety of seating
- reading nook
- private

VI. What is your process for selecting a book at the library?

search the catalog

ask staff

face out books display

go with a title in mind

Browse the shelves - look @ author, cover, subject

look in the new books section

lucky day

Serendipity of just finding something

VII. What values should a civic building represent in the 21st Century? In Santa Cruz?

- inclusive
- prominent part of downtown
- tough - needs to be able to stand up to a lot of use
- equitable
- recognizing & acknowledging past wrongs - reparations
- honoring the culture/history of Santa Cruz
- embedded within community
- responds to our dire environmental state
- compelling
- honoring the physical environment, beaches, the ocean, the forest
- accessible in every way - so that everyone can use it
- sustainable
- attractive
- honoring a sense a place
- works well with other civic functions

important that the library has capacity for self service, but with an option for direct service (staff)

Within the library, spaces that can be expanded or contracted, based on use

not too tall stack height (sightlines & views, as well as access)

want the library to be beautiful and functional, but feel process has not been transparent

very supportive of renovation plan - feel that the library is being used to get additional parking

appreciate the outdoor space associated with the renovation plan

Q & A